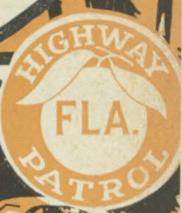


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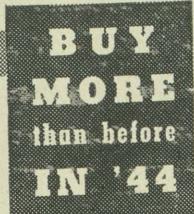
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The luncheon speaker was Millard Davidson, superintendent of the Florida Industrial School for Boys, Marianna, whose subject was "Build Today for Tomorrow."

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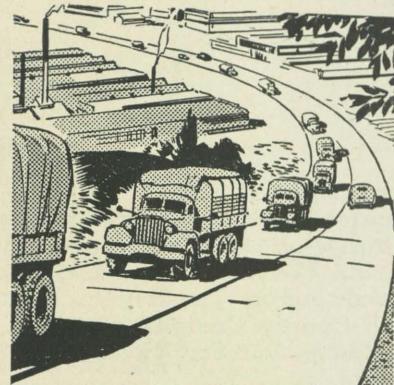
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Board 6, Jacksonville, discussed "Florida's New Adoption Law and How It Works," and was followed by W. P. Douglass, director of the department of attendance, Duval County schools, whose subject was "Truancy and Child Labor in Wartime."

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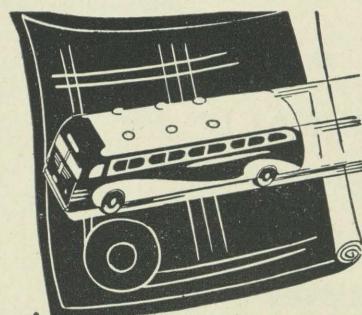
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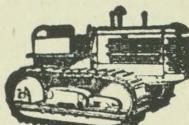
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HELD AT MIAMI MAY 15

Pursuant to agreement at the close of the last meeting, the State Road Department met at Miami on May 15, with the following members and officials in attendance:

Thos. A. Johnson, Chairman; Jack F. Townsend, James R. Stockton, O. G. Lindsey, C. Fred Ward, Members; L. A. Fraleigh, Jr., Assistant Secretary; J. H. Dowling, State Highway Engineer; L. K. Cannon, Asst. Highway Engineer; W. A. Kratzert, Maintenance Engineer; W. A. Bryan, Jr., Federal Aid Engineer; E. S. Fraser, Bridge Engineer; W. M. Parker, Engineer Research & Records; C. J. DeCamps, Engineer Right of Way; J.

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## APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates as here-

W. Allen, H. M. McCallum, N. S. Emery, P. L. Hoskins, Division Engineers; T. M. Shackleford, Jr., Attorney; Pat Shannon, Assistant Attorney; R. J. Waterston, Jr., Auditor.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the minutes of the meeting held on April 10 at Sanford were approved.

## APPROVAL OF MEMBERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr.

Escambia-Santa Rosa  
Lee

in after indicated receive bids for the construction of certain projects, and for the furnishing of certain materials, as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the

Lindsey, the expense accounts of the members were approved and ordered paid:

Johnson, 3-20 to 4-16	\$20.19
Johnson, 4-9 to 4-14	49.27
Johnson, 4-23 to 4-29	53.11
Stockton, 4-9 to 4-10	9.97
Lindsey, 3-1 to 3-28	48.55
Lindsey, 4-5 to 4-24	38.00

## APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following supplemental agreements were approved:

Coggan & Deermont	\$5,443.34 Increase
Cone & Manly	1,100.00 Increase

lowest responsible bidders therefor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows:

## Bids received Feb. 17

0308-105 & 1309-103 164

## Bids received Mar. 16

4902-901 etc. 10, 43 & 500

1204-103 etc. 25-27

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DA-NR 33(1) & Job 7704-901 611-44

DA-NC 28(1) 606

4607-901 52

## Bids received Mar. 28

7701-105 3

## Bids received Apr. 11

0302-107 27

7904-106 & 7701-106 3

1603-104 etc. 2-8

1205-107 27

1011-103 & 1012-102 79

7601-901 etc. 3-14-23

DA-NR 34-A 572

## Bids received Apr. 25

7017-105 & 7008-102 119-149

5204-108 88

3303-101 50

3201-901 etc. 2-50-13

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## MATERIALS

### Bids of April 17

WH Accts. 8432 & 8431

Tr. Struct. Tbr. fob Panama City

Tr. Tbr. Piling fob Panama City

Tr. Tbr. Piling fob DeFuniak Spgs.

### Bids of April 28

Metal warehouse bldgs., at Tampa & Baldwin

T. R. Miller Mill Co. 3,883.08

Pensacola Creosoting Co. 12,101.49

Pensacola Creosoting Co. 2,522.95

Armco Drain. & Metal Prod. Co. 4,950.00 Ea.

## PASCO COUNTY—ROAD 5—PROJECT FAP

### 194-C(1401-202)—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 5, in Pasco County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project FAP 194-C (1401-202) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

## PASCO COUNTY—ROAD 5—PROJECT 544-A-REMAINDER—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

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J. D. Manly Const. Co.	50,428.94
Coggan & Deermont	27,667.53
Cleary Bros. Const. Co.	27,218.75
Langston Const. Co.	28,848.47
Jas. H. Craggs Const. Co.	93,708.71
Royce Kershaw & Co.	6,476.40

L. B. McLeod Const. Co.	76,453.75
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R. C. Huffman Const. Co. of Fla.	114,217.92
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Langston Const. Co.	111,449.99
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Langston Const. Co.	36,817.35
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J. D. Manly Const. Co.	60,650.35
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Cone Bros. Contr. Co.	119,571.87
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Jas H. Craggs Const. Co.	74,982.33
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Marion Contr. Co.	10,352.37
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R. B. Tyler Co.	32,253.30
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Peterson & Earnhart	7,744.00
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Hiney Const. Co.	12,141.90
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Hall & Caddell	74,973.32
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WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 5, in Pasco County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 544-A-Remainder (1401-102) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

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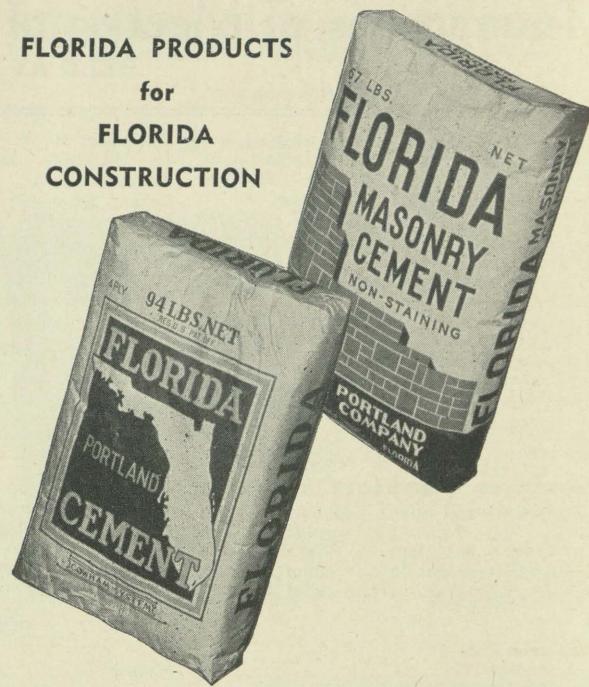
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## RESIDENTS OF TAMPA BAY AREA REJOICE

FOR THE FOURTH time in two decades residents of the Tampa area are celebrating a step that brings its great cities closer together.

Twenty years ago governors of sixteen States and of Alaska joined Floridians in the celebration of the opening of Gandy Bridge linking Tampa and St. Petersburg.

There was good reason for celebration by the people of the Tampa Bay area in November 1924. Before the bridge across the bay was opened to traffic it was necessary to drive a winding sandy trail between Tampa and St. Petersburg. The time of the trip was cut from six hours to less than one hour as soon as motorists could drive their cars straight out across the wide waters of the bay. The engineering feat attracted widespread admiration: the two and a half mile trestle bridge, combined with three and a half miles of causeway, had given Florida and the Tampa Bay area the "longest overseas traffic span in the world"—a title lost some time later.

The second great celebration in the Tampa Bay area came one decade later when Davis Causeway was opened to traffic June 28, 1934 with imposing ceremonies and with thousands of cars streaming across its 10 miles. Davis Causeway cut seven miles from the distance between Tampa and Clearwater and avoided the many curves on the winding route around the bay.

Two celebrations were held this year. At the first, lifting of tolls from Davis Causeway was the cause of rejoicing. At the second, freeing of the other span across Tampa Bay from tolls inspired the celebrants.

Governor Spessard L. Holland, Chairman Thomas A. Johnson, Secretary H. H. Baskin, Highway Engineer J. H. Dowling and Attorney T. M. Shackleford of the State Road Department, Comptroller J. M. Lee and State Treasurer J. Ed Larson, joined mayors and other representatives of the Tampa Bay cities in the ceremonies incident to the removal of the tolls from Davis Causeway. One of the State representatives, H. H. Baskin, had attended the opening ceremony ten years before as mayor of Clearwater.

Freeing of one of the spans from tolls resulted only in whetting the appetites of the enterprising citizens of the Tampa Bay area who had long demanded freeing the bridges. Hardly was the ink dry on the check which paid for the causeway and freed it to open traffic, when heavier demands rang out that the tolls be lifted from Gandy Bridge. It is characteristic of Americans—and the residents of the Tampa Bay area are no exception—that each gain, each accomplishment, each step in progress, is accepted briefly and not as satisfactory or final. As soon as one stage has been reached, the enterprising

American begins to plan ways and means to reach the next stage. In the spirit of this tradition, Tampa Bay residents rejoiced when they acquired one bridge across the water but soon demanded two bridges, although the first had been considered but a few years earlier an impracticable dream; they were happy to have two bridges but soon demanded a removal of tolls; they were delighted to have tolls removed from one bridge but demanded freedom from tolls on the other. It is such refusal to accept any step in advancement as final that brings about progress in our country and State.

Governor Holland had insisted from the first that tolls be lifted from both bridges. As soon as Davis Causeway had been freed he redoubled his efforts to have tolls lifted also from Gandy Bridge.

Negotiations for freeing of Gandy Bridge from tolls were difficult. Agreement could not be reached and Federal intervention was sought and obtained under the wartime necessity of providing adequate transportation facilities for war workers to relieve Tampa's congestion by opening St. Petersburg's housing facilities to maximum use. The taking order which made the bridge available for toll-free traffic and which will lead to the sale of the property to the State, was followed by a great and spontaneous celebration, overshadowing anything of the kind held in Florida since the Armistice that closed World War I. The same State officials who participated in the ceremonies at the freeing of Davis Causeway returned to join the rejoicing citizens of the Tampa Bay area, led by the mayors of Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. Truly, it was a great day for the people of the area and a great day in the history of the State.

Newspapers in the area were quick to envision a new era of cooperation and prosperity based on the closer ties encouraged by freeing both bridges from tolls.

The Tampa Morning Tribune saw the completion of negotiation as "a triumph of cooperation and untiring leadership." The officials who had worked so long and hard to free the bridges of tolls were given credit for hastening "the day of increased development of this rich section."

"Only the limitations that we choose to place on our own minds," said the St. Petersburg Times, "can stand in the way of developments undreamed of only a few years ago when a trip to Tampa was a major journey and when people sometimes lived a lifetime in Tampa without ever enjoying the Gulf Beaches."

The Tampa Daily Times called attention to the fact that the Tampa Bay area is the largest metropolitan area in the State and urged that the area assume the leadership open to it, "if we are ready to unite and work together, submerging petty local interests in favor of helping ourselves."

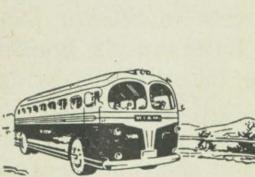
"Free bridges," said the Clearwater Sun, "are a symbol of progress. Toll (Continued on page 32)

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## A Special Session

GOVERNOR HOLLAND, after an all-day session with the continuing education council, an aggregation of public school officials, gave the white light for an extra session of the legislature, to be held in August.

But Mr. Holland laid certain conditions, namely: That the council approach the legislators and get them signed up as agreeing to the special session and to observe limitations on legislation to what the governor will offer as a program. The council accepted the terms.

Governor Holland will have a six-point program of legislation: 1. To raise the annual pay per teacher unit from the present \$800 to \$900 (the legislature in 1943 passed a bill to raise it to \$950 and the governor set it down with a veto). 2. An additional \$50 per teacher unit in what the governor is pleased to call the "needy" counties (it may be surprising to him to discover that there will be well nigh unanimous plea of need from all the counties). 3. Another \$1,000,000 for old age pensions, so that the monthly payment may be raised from the present \$24 limit, to \$29. 4. Appropriate \$2,000,000 for post-war construction of necessary buildings already authorized by the legislature, principally at the college plants and the State hospitals. 5. Purchase property on several sides of the capitol building to make room for further State buildings and enhance the beauty of the capitol plant. 6. Perfect the system of getting the vote cast of men in the armed services.

That is not a bad program. The legislature is likely to meet the governor's conditions. But it is going to call for a fairly long session.—Bradenton Herald.

## Everglades National Park

THE EVERGLADES National Park is closer to being realized than for some years past. It has been held up because the Internal Improvement Board does not want to deed State land to the Federal government without reserving oil and mineral rights. In that the I. I. board takes a sensible view. Now Governor Holland is asking the Federal government to have the law governing national parks changed to the extent that the State may deed the land and still reserve oil and mineral rights.

Meanwhile Collier County has deeded 5,600 acres to the Federal government as part of the park, and is striving to secure cancellation of an oil

lease on lands it owns adjoining the tract just deeded, and covering Royal Palm Hammock, to get in shape to deed the beautiful hammock of palms to the National Park Service.—Bradenton Herald.

## Practical Post-War Planning in Florida

GOVERNOR HOLLAND, as usual continues to think ahead of the crowd. Some months ago, when post-war planning first became a popular public subject of discussion there was a grand time painting castles in the sky.

But after awhile officials began here and there to take straw votes among the citizens to find out what projects they preferred for such public money as is available, come war's end.

They were no little surprised to find that the public was mainly concerned about bigger and better sewers and sidewalks and streets and bridges and parks. So the excited day dreaming clamor subsided and then the planners realized that Governor Holland had quietly been going about his business and talking low but earnestly on the simple idea of developing what we have to prevent unemployment and maintain that high level of employment and earning that is necessary to a happy world.

What he and other State leaders and thinkers have been talking about all the time makes for thoughtful and hopeful listening.

Their thesis is that both war and natural economic evolution have advanced in many ways our farming and business and manufacturing habits.

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Take citrus for an example.

Citrus since about 1880 has been Florida's most romantic industry. Most years it is the biggest single item in our agricultural dollar. But one recent year during the depression so low did the income sink that many a more stable crop topped it. Tobacco, for instance, where it grows tall and dark and expensive under shade in Suwannee and Madison and Jefferson and Gadsden Counties along the State's northern edge.

But then along came canning, and the citrus industry climbed out of the ditch of financial insolvency.

And now the war has brought vast new developments. Most important is juice concentrates. Under this modern treatment the juice is better, cheaper, than in cans and can be shipped cheaply to the ends of the earth. A 5-cent drink of orange juice anywhere in the world is now a possi-

bility. And scientists have found that the pulp and skin manufactures into a rich and popular stock feed. And fertilizer is being made, and a half dozen useful and costly oils and chemicals extracted from skin and seed.

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The Palmetex Company in Pinellas has been manufacturing on a 24-hour basis a vital war need from the lowly palmetto root. The laboratory has been at work, however, and when that contract ends the company announces that it has a line of useful wallboards, insulations, carton stocks, chemicals all ready for practical manufacture.

Perhaps 10,000,000 acres of south Florida land is cursed with this shrub. It grows quickly. Truly the supply is unlimited.

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Dehydration. Post-war food experts say home dehydrating plants will be practical. Meanwhile in central Florida three plants, with war contracts, are successfully dehydrating tons of Florida vegetables and fruits for fighting men.

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Reed-Martin laboratories of St. Petersburg, announce they have been allocated \$80,000 of Federal money to set up at Ft. Myers a fish dehydrating plant. A St. Petersburg man announces that he has perfected a technique for smoking fish which will keep the fish edible and tasty for as long as three months.

Borden Company has bought the shark fishery at Salerno. The plant and fish equipment will be expanded largely. The company thinks it has a permanent and profitable new source of vitamin A.

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University of Florida chemical researchers find that the scrub oak, until now considered entirely valueless can produce tannic acid profitably, that prime use for the acid will be to tan into leather the hides of Florida cows.

The Cummer Company of Jacksonville, has developed and is manufacturing successfully a building block made from mine dump leavings claimed to be waterproof and to have high insulation qualities.

And to get back into the day dreaming department a bit perhaps, if oil develops in Florida in commercial quantities, the use of Florida's sands and clays and other low cost raw materials can be expanded as far as the courage and ingenuity of man will permit.—St. Petersburg Times.

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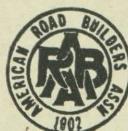
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# “Hands Across The Bay”...

CLIMAXING NEARLY four years of patient negotiations in the face of odds that often seemed insurmountable, the State Road Department of Florida, acting jointly with the Federal Works Administration, gained custody of Gandy Bridge and freed the property of tolls pursuant to an order issued by Federal Judge William J. Barker in Tampa on April 27, thereby fulfilling a pledge made to the people of the Tampa Bay area to break the toll bridge bottleneck that had retarded the progress of

By HOWARD W. HARTLEY

both Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

For Governor Holland and his State Road Department, the liberation of Gandy Bridge marked the passing of an historic milestone in a carefully planned and executed campaign to liberate every toll bridge in Florida. For the people of the Florida West Coast, the closing of the Gandy Bridge toll-

houses meant the attainment of a long-sought objective and the dawn of a new era of development.

On the heels of the joint State-Federal purchase of Davis Causeway for \$1,076,000 without court action, the freeing of Gandy Bridge came with dramatic suddenness after legal maneuvers in Florida courts and in the Federal court of appeals in Washington D. C. failed to block negotiations for the acquisition of the property under the Federal order of taking granted by Judge Barker.

Chairman Thomas A. Johnson of the State Road Department snapped as he stood alongside the toll panel with his hat over the price charged for trucks before tolls were removed from Gandy Bridge by order of Federal Judge Barker awarding immediate possession of the bridge to the United States. Gandy Bridge was opened Nov. 20, 1924, linking Tampa and St. Petersburg by a direct route. The ribbon at the bridge-opening ceremony was cut by Governor Hardee in the presence of Governor-elect Martin and governors of 16 other States in Tampa for a conference.

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Thomas M. Shackleford, Jr., attorney for the State Road Department of Florida, and Governor Spessard L. Holland relaxing at the festivities staged in St. Petersburg celebrating freeing of Gandy Bridge.

Until a Federal court condemnation jury fixes the price of the bridge when the government's condemnation suit is heard in July, the property will be operated by the State and Federal agencies. Title will remain with the owners until the verdict is rendered and the two governments split the bill. Meanwhile, the State Road Department is acting as custodian.

How much Gandy Bridge will cost the State government cannot be determined in advance of the condemnation suit. The State Road Department, however, was pledged to pay half of the \$1,216,000 previously offered, the refusal of which by the Gandy Company led to the issuance of the Federal taking order. The jury may return a verdict for less than the joint offer. If the verdict is for the full amount, however, the State government will have in-

vested a total of \$1,146,000 in the cause of toll free bridges, adding the State's \$538,000 share of the cost of Davis Causeway to fifty percent of the estimated Gandy Bridge transaction.

Whatever the cost, residents of the Florida West Coast feel not only that Governor Holland has "made good" his promise to them but also that the investment was justified in the light of what the levying of tolls has cost the area in tourist trade. In addition, thousands of war workers employed in Tampa shipyards but residing in Pinellas County today are being saved large sums they had been paying weekly for tolls charged to cross the bridges. With the return of peace, too, the freed spans will become integral parts of the Gulf Coast Highway, now nearing completion. Hence the two transactions form the capstone of an unparalleled four years of progressive and prudent management of the State Road Depart-

ment during a difficult wartime period.

Throughout the negotiations that culminated in the taking over of Gandy Bridge, legal departments of the two governmental agencies as well as their engineering and executive staffs had worked in perfect harmony. Credit for the court victory belongs to Thomas M. Shackleford, Jr., of Tampa, chief counsel for the State Road Department, and his assistants; and to William D. Jones, Jr., of Jacksonville, assistant U. S. attorney general, and Attorney Henry C. Tillman of Tampa, former State senator and special counsel for the lands division, Department of Justice.

Directing major strategy for the State Road Department were Chairman Thomas A. Johnson, J. H. Dowling, highway engineer, Secretary H. H. Baskin and other department officials and engineers. All of these were present when Judge Barker signed the Gandy



Thomas A. Johnson, chairman State Road Department of Florida; Attorney H. C. Tillman of Tampa, former State senator and special counsel for the lands divisions, Department of Justice; H. H. Baskin, secretary State Road Department of Florida, former Clearwater city manager, who worked indefatigably for freeing the bridges of tolls.

Bridge taking order as well as at the celebration dinner held in St. Petersburg to commemorate the historic event. Governor Holland was there, too, along with U. S. Senator Claude Pepper, whose assistance in winning approval of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Federal agency executives played a vital role in the final triumph.

In carrying on aggressive negotiations for the acquisition of both bridges, the State Road Department has maintained not only that the lifting of the tolls from the two structures was a wartime necessity but also that the abolition of bridge tolls was sound State policy. That Davis Causeway was acquired first and without litigation was the result of friendly compromise, worked out around the table between officials of the two governments and the causeway owners. Similar negotiations were carried on for Gandy Bridge but the owners refused every offer. Thereupon the Federal government, backed by the State Road Department, sought the exercise of the second war powers act that vests in the works administrator

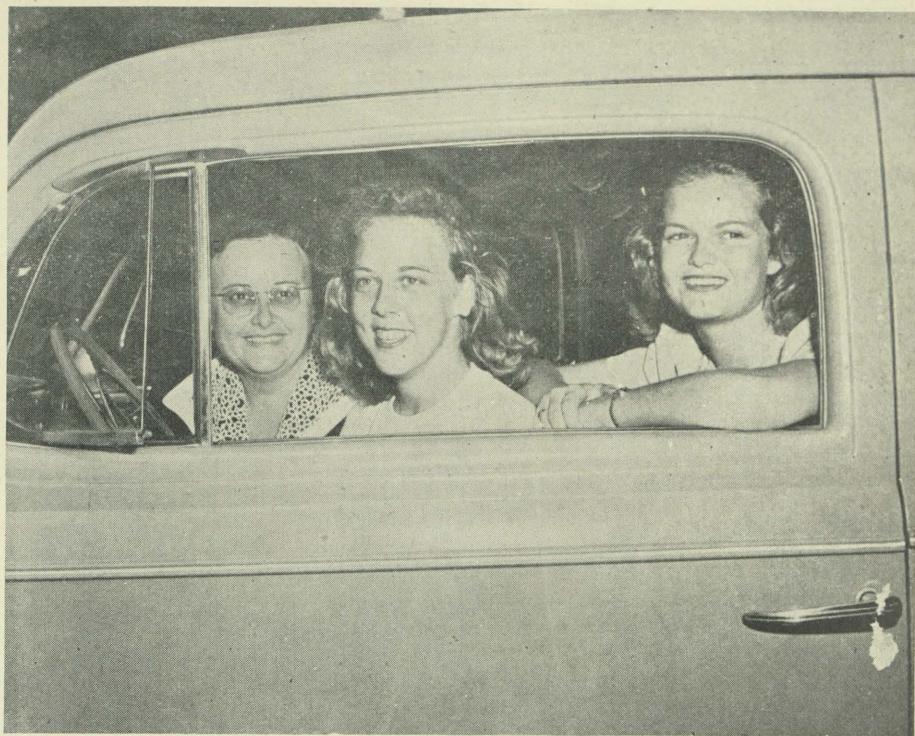
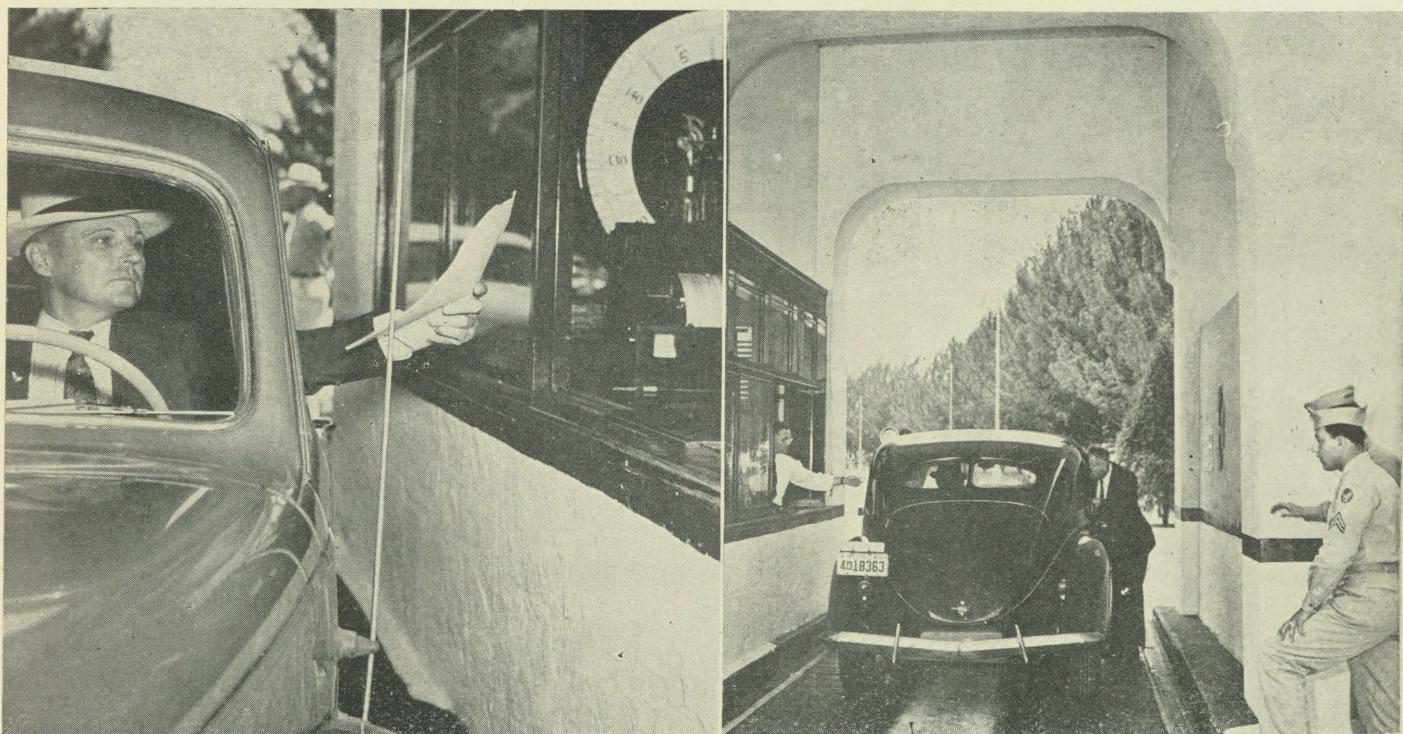


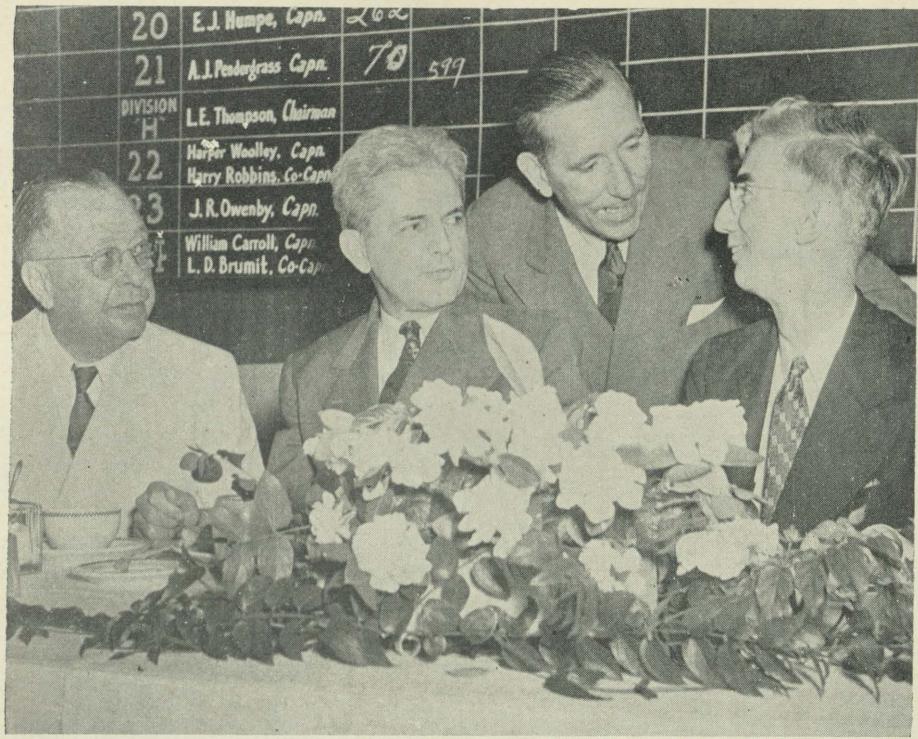
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First car to cross Gandy Bridge after lifting of tolls was occupied by Miss Alma Kerce of Lake City; Miss Marjorie Walker and Miss Lois Anderson of Clearwater. Then came an army car driven by Pfc. Martha J. Martin of MacDill Field.

authority to seize various types of property in the interests of successful prosecution of the war.

Such action was taken in the acquisition of Gandy Bridge, with the issuance of a certificate by the



Left above is Walter C. Crumbley, U. S. deputy marshal, as he serves a Federal writ on M. R. Wilson, bridge superintendent at the east gate at 1:47 o'clock April 27, and tells him to take no more money. Crumbley sped on across the bridge and a few minutes later stopped the collection of tolls at the St. Petersburg end. Right, a rear view of the last car to pay tolls on Gandy Bridge. Leroy Walters, a St. Petersburg negro, swung his automobile in ahead of the deputy marshal's car just before reaching the tollgate. "Boy, if I'd known this was going to happen I wouldn't have been so fast," the negro said, as photographers' flash bulbs popped.



"Hands across the bay" was the theme of addresses made at the Suwannee Hotel, St. Petersburg, as 300 civic leaders of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Polk Counties dined in celebration of the removal of tolls from Gandy Bridge. Above, left to right, Mayor Patterson of Clearwater, Governor Spessard Holland, Senator Claude Pepper and Chairman Thomas Johnson.

Federal administrator setting forth that tolls on the bridge, used by thousands of war workers, impeded the war effort by increasing living costs of these workers and interfering with the full use of



Photo by Tampa Morning Tribune  
West Coast dignitaries celebrate the freeing of Gandy Bridge and Davis Causeway at a party at Palma Ceia Golf Club. From left to right, Mayor Hixon of Tampa, Mayor Patterson of Clearwater, Mayor Seavy of St. Petersburg, Senator Claude Pepper express their happiness over the lifting of tolls on both bridges.

housing accommodations available in Pinellas County to war plants employees, who could not find lodgings in the crowded Tampa area.

Arrayed against the State and Federal legal staffs was a group of Gandy Bridge Company lawyers, headed by Paul Emmert, a veteran PWA counsel. At the hearing before Judge Barker, Emmert launched an attack on the constitutionality of the second war powers act. Attorney Jones argued the case for the Federal government, contending that the court could not go behind the administrator's order of taking petition nor the reasons therein set forth.

Judge Barker handed down his decision shortly before 1 p. m. and Chairman Johnson, Highway Engineer Dowling, Secretary Baskin and other State Road Department

### Ham, Hurry Home

The current issue of the Florida Municipal Record contains the following editorial:

"H. H. (Ham) Baskin, who has been secretary of the State Road Department since Governor Holland's inauguration, reportedly will return to his home at Clearwater when his term of office expires.

"Ham Baskin was born a public leader, one who accurately measures the probable effect of the actions he contemplates, and who wades intelligently into situations with flags flying. Only those persons with deep convictions dare fight in the Baskin manner.

"We are not saying that Ham loves a fight for the sake of fighting. He just doesn't bypass 'em.

"He was mayor of Clearwater for a number of years, and during the time was president of the Florida League of Municipalities.

"We don't want Ham to go back to Clearwater, after having done such a fine road department job, and feel that he is going to rest. He is too young for that. His community needs his counsel; that State needs it."

Do not repine, Editor Owen. We did not give Ham Baskin to the State, we merely lent him. And we shall expect repayment in full in the form of Mr. Baskin's return to Clearwater at the end of the loan period.—Clearwater Sun.



## Description of Davis Causeway

Davis Causeway crossing Old Tampa Bay forming a direct highway between Columbus Drive in Tampa and Bay-to-Gulf Boulevard in Clearwater has an over-all length of slightly less than 9½ miles and consists of 3 causeways or filled sections and 2 bridges. The east causeway is 21,879 feet, the center causeway 15,701 feet and the west causeway is 8,834 feet. The smaller bridge section is 310 feet in length and the major bridge section is 3,200 feet. The causeway sections have a paved roadway 24 feet in width and the elevation of the roadway is approximately 7.67 feet above mean low water.

The causeway is protected over the greater part from wave erosion by rip-rap consisting of broken cement, and is further protected at either end of the bridge structures by timber bulkheads and groins.

The bridge sections consist of frame creosoted timber

trussed bents supporting a solid creosoted timber deck and covered by a reinforced concrete slab with an average thickness of 5 inches. The driveway on the bridge section is 22 feet, 9 inches between the curbs and is protected by guard rails of reinforced concrete. The average elevation of the bridge section is 12.5 feet above mean low water.

The main channel is spanned by a single leaf manually operated bascule span providing a 60-foot clearance between fenders. The bridge structure rest pier and fenders are on pile foundation. The total estimated fill consists of 5,850,000 cubic yards of hydraulic fill dredged from nearby bay bottoms and is confined by 16,400 linear feet of retaining wall. The pavement, approximately 46,400 feet in length and 24 feet in width consists of an 8-inch compacted thickness of limerock treated with emulsified asphalt with a wearing surface of slag and hot asphalt.

officials lost no time in taking possession of the bridge. Copies of the order were served on officers and employees of the bridge company in the courtroom and also at the property by Deputy U. S. Marshal W. C. Crumbley. Actual taking

over of the bridge came within an hour after the order was signed.

Seldom since the first World War Armistice has an event stirred a more enthusiastic or spontaneous celebration than the dinner and public mass meeting held

in St. Petersburg the night after Gandy Bridge was freed.

Governor Holland, Senator Pepper, Chairman Johnson, Secretary Baskin and other department officials were introduced at both events. All of them were cheered



## Description of Gandy Bridge

Gandy Bridge consists of bridge structure 2.6 miles in length and causeway approaches 2.5 miles in length. This structure was opened to traffic in November 1924 and was designed to meet requirements of H-15 loading capacity, that is, a 15-ton truck in each traffic lane on any span. The bridge section consists of 562 reinforced concrete spans of 24 feet length each and with roadway 24 feet from curb to curb.

The lighting system comprises a light standard on every twelfth span extending from tollhouse to tollhouse. The original construction included two lines of steel rails forming a standard gauge railway track laid on the bridge structure but not made use of and in their present condition not available for use as a railway track.

The causeway approaches consist of hydraulic fill, pumped from nearby bay bottoms, estimated to contain 2 1/2 million cubic yards. The immediate embankment on either

side of the bridge structure is protected against wave and storm action by heavy deposits of rip-rap, mostly in the form of broken down concrete paving or slabs. The causeway approaches are paved with brick, 20 feet in width.

The channel of the bay is spanned by a bascule structure 92 feet in length providing for 75 feet of clear channel when fully elevated. The structure is an electrically operated double leaf Strauss bascule with open steel floor. Foundations for the bascule structure consist of 4 concrete-filled steel caissons 5 feet in diameter under each pier. The bridge structure has handrails of concrete which are two horizontal rails supported by concrete posts 8 feet apart.

The grade of the structure is approximately 11 feet above mean low water except at points within 500 feet of either side of the bascule span where the grade rises to approximately 20 feet above mean low water.

to the echo by the multitude that attended the Williams Park rally, where they were presented to the big crowd by former Mayor Robert J. McCutcheon, Jr. The honor

guests were introduced at the Suwannee Hotel dinner by St. Petersburg's present chief executive, Mayor George S. Patterson.

In their responses, Governor

Holland and Senator Pepper pointed to the liberation of Gandy Bridge as the attainment of another major objective in the de-

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# With County Commissioners

MONROE COUNTY commission at its May meeting approved the releasing of the airfield on Boca Chica to the United States Navy, accepting a reduction in the annual lease from \$2,500 to \$1. It has been estimated that the airfield and buildings on it when it is returned to the county will be worth \$2,000,000.

■ The purchase of six new cars by the Pinellas County board for use of members resulted in such "hot potatoes" that use of them has been held up by order of the commission. Clearwater taxpayers consulted attorneys on taking the matter to the courts on the general charge that county commissioners, individually or collectively, have no right to purchase automobiles for their own use with county funds. Meanwhile, Commissioner Merrin says he has had offers from Hillsborough, Orange and Marion County commissions as well as Orlando and Miami city officials to buy the cars.

■ Escambia County commission took up the study of its county budget at the June meeting, preparatory to submitting it to the State comptroller.

■ W. B. Taylor, chairman of the Baker County board, defeated in the May primaries for reelection, tendered his resignation to take effect as soon as his successor could qualify.

■ M. H. Sharpe received the nomination in the May primaries for Sumter County commissioner, district 4, to succeed W. E. Crum, resigned, to enter the army.

■ Taylor County commission has employed counsel to represent the county in the injunction suit instituted by Lee Cypress Company against Alton C. Hendry, tax collector and J. M. Lee, comptroller to enjoin the collection of the personal property taxes of the company.

■ Citrus County commission at its June June meeting elected James E. Brooks chairman of the board.

Levy County voted in 1940 general election to elect commissioners on a county-wide basis instead of by districts but following the primaries of this year when three candidates were nominated in this manner who would have lost in a district race, the change is coming up for some post-primary discussions.

■ The Dade County budget commission added \$87,500 to county's budget for 1944-45 but said the move would entail no increase in taxes. The addition raised the total for maintenance and operation to \$2,767,640, or 8.376 percent more than this year.

■ C. D. Newbern, agricultural agent of Hernando County for six years has been appointed by the county commis-

sion as Manatee County farm agent, succeeding Ed L. Ayers, resigned.

■ Volusia County's general foreclosure upon tax delinquent properties will probably not begin for 60 days, Charles W. Luther, attorney for the board of county commissioners said.

■ County Engineer Merrin was designated as a one-man county committee to handle "moving day" on State Road 79 in Hillsborough County. Merrin will set up the machinery for moving fences, buildings and citrus trees in conjunction with plans of the State Road Department to reconstruct and widen the highway.

■ In a special session the Hardee board of county commissioners considered a second offer to complete the refunding of its 1938 courthouse and jail bonds by issuing the remainder of the 1941 series. The second offer was from the B. J. Van Ingen Co., of Miami.

■ Estimates of the cost of buildings to be erected at the Duval County prison farm to store voting machines were considered by the Duval board of county commissioners and were referred to the budget and taxation committee for discussion when it begins preparation of the county budget for next year.

■ The question of range cattle again came before the Volusia County commissioners when Joe Tomazin, a Sammula farmer, presented a complaint regarding damage done crops by range cattle in that district. The commission voted to instruct the sheriff to notify cattle owners that they must keep their cattle in bounds under penalty of the law.

■ Pinellas County home's farm is showing a profit, Superintendent Moe reported to the commission. May credits totaled \$1,410 and expenses \$862.

■ Martin County commission in special session voted on a 20-year financing plan to liquidate \$63,000 worth of Palm City municipal bonds which have stalemated the progress of the community since it surrendered its charter 15 years ago. Through the years the county has acquired \$13,000 of the bonds, which they have held pending some solution of the debt problem.

■ A Lake Worth voting machine sealed by Sidney J. Catts, Jr., State attorney, in the presence of James L. Turnage, voting machine custodian for Palm Beach County was one of three so sealed for presentation to the June term of the grand jury. One machine was sealed at the Riviera Beach polls, and one in West Palm Beach. Purpose of the sealing was to keep the machines intact for grand jury inspection and for any tests that may be

made before the jury in an effort to determine if the tabulating devices may be made to produce incorrect results.

■ Orange County commissioners granted permission to the army to put gates at both ends of the Bay Head Road passing through the Pine Castle Air Base so as to control traffic on that portion of the road running through the base.

■ Mrs. Hallie Lacy, member of the Volusia County health unit staff of nurses, was cited by the merit board of the State Board of Health for her long and competent service in a letter to the board of county commission. The board's recommendation of her permanent rating as a senior public health nurse was unanimously approved by the State agency.

## Florida Firms Agree To Produce Ramie

The United States Sugar Corporation and Newport Industries of New York City, have concluded an agreement for a joint venture into the production and processing of the fiber ramie.

The two companies will devote 1,500 acres of land along the West Palm Beach canal to the culture and processing of the crop. The agricultural activities will be directed by the sugar company and processing will be under direction of Newport Industries, a leading producer of rosin, turpentine and related products. Both companies have offices in Florida.

Ramie is a newcomer to the American fiber group. It is a strong fiber similar in some respects to flax and is many times stronger than cotton.

Experiments with ramie, a fiber-producing plant used by the Chinese for centuries conducted at the State Farm at Belle Glade, indicate that the time is not far distant when this crop will take its place as one of the big income producers for Florida farmers.

Speaking in Orlando Commissioner Nathan Mayo was enthusiastic over the prospects and emphasized the fact that the fiber can be produced prolifically in Florida. He predicted a greatly increased use of ramie in the manufacture of wear-resistant fabrics and other products.

He said that during the past two years the State had realized \$3,800 from the sale of seed root off of eight acres of ramie in the experimental plot at Belle Glade.

Mr. Mayo has been conducting experiments with ramie for years and has led the search for suitable decorticating machinery. This problem is now practically solved by a Clermont manufacturer.

# FLORIDIANS OUT FOR VICTORY . . .

THE WAR department has announced the following awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Florida personnel of the United States Army Eighth Air Force: James G. Cary, first lieutenant, Pensacola; Arthur E. Hunter, first lieutenant, Miami; Clarence H. Ward, staff sergeant, Pensacola; William C. Motsinger, first lieutenant, St. Petersburg; Edward I. White, first lieutenant, Lake Worth (reported missing in action since April 8, 1944); William D. Branch, staff sergeant; Robert Gatrell, first lieutenant, Jacksonville; Second Lieut. Robert E. Biewend, St. Petersburg; First Lieut. Arroll M. Brye, Sarasota.

★ Barney Day, St. Petersburg fireman, received an award from Col. Wendell B. McCoy, Drew Field commander, for heroic work "above and beyond the line of duty" in attempting to rescue a Pinellas Army Air Base soldier who came in contact with a wire carrying 7,200 volts while he was working on an electric pole. The presentation was made in front of the flight line fire station at Drew Field, with the entire department taking part in the ceremony. The award was a gold miniature of the regular Army Department badge.

★ Air Medals for heroism in the Southwest Pacific have been awarded by Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney to Staff Sergeant William S. Mathis, Nicefield; Corporal Robert A. Kelly, Jr., Miami Beach; Technical Sergeant Harvey L. Kelsey, Oviedo.

★ By the direction of the President the Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded to First. Lieut. Peter E. Burtchaell, Jacksonville, for meritorious achievement in aerial battle with the Thirteenth Army Air Force in the South Pacific area.

★ First Lieut. Wallace H. Swilley, Jr., High Springs, serving with a Field Artillery Battalion in Italy has received the Soldier's Medal for heroic action under fire.

Amusing letters keep pouring in on Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, chief of the selective service, from all parts of the United States.

Current big chuckle in Washington: A letter, prepared by the congregation of a country church down South, protesting against the threatened draft of their pastor.

"He's a good man and we need him," the letter read. "Besides he's 37 and is supporting his two children, just like the court ordered him to."

Another one sicked Uncle Sam on the in-laws:

"You draft my sons-in-law. They're no good anyhow."—Milwaukee Journal.

★ Capt. James W. Sweet, Winter Haven, has been awarded a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second award of the Air Medal, while participating in operational missions in the combat areas of the Southwest Pacific.

★ Lieut. General George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific has awarded a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Staff Sergeant Lowell R. Garner, Shamrock.

★ Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kester, Jacksonville, have been advised by the War Department that another posthumous honor, an Oak Leaf Cluster to be attached to the Distinguished Flying Cross which they have previously accepted in his behalf, has been conferred upon their son, the late Major Edson E. Kester.

★ Mrs. Callie Bass, Fort Pierce, has six sons and a son-in-law in the service.

★ Lieut. Robert D. Rebel, Miami, was among those recently awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement in the Southwest Pacific.

★ Officially credited with downing two German planes, Technical Sgt. Marvin C. Edsen, Flying Fortress gunner from DeLand, is being processed for reassignment at the Army Air Forces redistribution station in Miami Beach.

★ Tech. Sgt. Donald M. Nevills of DeLand, who holds the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, has been awarded a third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal recently for participating in bombing assaults on Germany and occupied Europe.

Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of Allied air forces in the Southwest Pacific has awarded the Air Medal to the following Floridians for meritorious flying achievements:

Staff Sgt. John R. Wyles, St. Petersburg.

Staff Sgt. Russell E. Kerns, Lake Placid.

First Lieut. Raphael Benschner, Tampa.

Capt. Donald J. Elliott, Gainesville.

Tech. Sgt. Alton M. Colley, St. Petersburg.

Staff Sgt. James E. Foxworth, Pensacola.

★ Comdr. Robt. H. Wilkinson, 39, New Smyrna Beach, received the Legion of Merit for service as a commander of a destroyer transport division in the Solomon Islands area.

★ Tech. Sgt. James M. Hill, with the Army Air Forces in the Mediterranean

area, received a commendation March 1, for "meritorious service" as chief material clerk during the Pantellerian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

★ By direction of the President, the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal was awarded to Second Lieut. Roscoe Luke, Jr., of Carrabelle. The citation accompanying the award, which was given in the South Pacific Area on April 23 said it was for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat operational missions of a hazardous nature.

★ After 14 months in China, during which he served as a bomber pilot in the Fourteenth Air Force under General Chennault, First Lieut. T. W. Heeth, Jr., 24, Jacksonville, has amassed a total of 400 combat hours, and in recognition of his service has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

★ The Air Medal was presented to Second Lieut. Wald C. Bruns of Williston, at an Eighth AAF base in England. As a pilot for a photographic squadron he flies alone and unescorted through enemy-infested skies in his fast but unarmed Lightning to obtain vital information and pictures of Nazi installations.

★ First Lieut. Edward D. Falkenburg, Jacksonville, has been awarded the Air Medal, according to a recent dispatch from the Southwest Pacific area. The award was made "for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area."

★ Staff Sgt. James D. Messer, Blountstown, has completed over 40 combat missions to earn the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and six Oak Leaf Clusters, it was reported from a Ninth Air Force Bomber Station in England. Flying as an engineer-gunner on a Marauder, the West Florida flier has seen the B-26s dump their bombs on railway marshalling yards, strategic airfields and special targets along the French coast.

★ Lieutenant S. L. Beighley, Jacksonville, has completed 50 bombing missions against the enemy in the North African theatre, and is credited with 140 hours of combat flying. He has

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Two advance scouts of General Montgomery's Eighth Army became separated one night crawling over a hillock near Ortona, Italy. They were close to the German lines when one heard the other coming through the brush to his right, but he wasn't sure if it was a friend or foe.

He readied a hand grenade and was ready to throw it when he heard a voice ask, "I say, old boy, are you British?"

"Right," he answered.

"That's a pity," the voice answered. "You make a splendid target."—Roger Beirne in Parade.

# PEOPLE

C. O. HAINES of Norfolk, Va., has been employed by the Portland Cement Association and assigned to Florida, with headquarters at Tallahassee. Mr. Haines' father and grandfather were prominently identified with the construction of the Florida East Coast railroad and the old Plant System (now the Atlantic Coast Line). His grandfather, Col. H. S. Haines, for whom Haines City was named, was general manager of the Plant System when the line to Tampa was built. His father was C. O. Haines, vice president in charge of construction of the Florida East Coast from Jacksonville to New Smyrna.

GOV. SPESSARD L. HOLLAND met briefly with the State Welfare Board in Jacksonville June 7 for what he said perhaps may be the last time, thanked its members for the service they have rendered during his administration. He declared that he was "deeply and personally grateful" to every member and the board as a whole for the capable handling of "what I consider one of the toughest jobs in the whole set-up." The welfare program, he declared, is now further advanced than it has ever been, is more strongly entrenched in public favor and is being less criticized by the recipients of public assistance.

MISS EUNICE MINTON, director of social service for the State Welfare Board has been granted leave of absence to serve abroad as welfare officer for the United National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. She will be stationed temporarily in Cairo, Egypt, and later will be transferred as the invasion progresses.

BEN HILL, JR., was installed as president of the Tampa Junior Chamber of Commerce, succeeding George E. Hall, at a banquet held at the Hillsboro Hotel. Harry C. Smith took office as vice president, and Keith Morgan was installed as treasurer. Tommy Biglow retained the office of secretary.

THE RT. REV. FRANK A. JUHAN, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida, was elected chancellor of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., for a term of six years by the board of trustees.

L. M. RHODES has received his commission as State Marketing Commissioner for the ensuing two years following his reappointment for another two-year term. Mr. Rhodes has served continuously as commissioner since June 23, 1917.

T. T. HATTON, assistant to the president in the Florida State Association of Real Estate Boards, warned Tampa

realtors that in post-war-planning, real estate is likely to be called upon for more taxes. "Because real estate always has been the easiest thing to tax, it shouldn't be allowed to be burdened additionally after the war," Hatton said.

LIEUT. CHARLES E. BENNETT, former State representative from Duval County, now stationed with the Army in New Guinea, was reported rescued from the Pacific after having spent one night and a day in midocean on a raft. Ordered overseas about one year ago, Lieutenant Bennett was stationed in the Hawaiian group until recently, when he requested transfer to the combat area.

G. BOWDEN HUNT, parole supervisor of the Florida Parole Commission, Bartow, was elected president of the Florida Probation and Parole Association for the ensuing year at the annual meeting held June 8 in Jacksonville. Other officers elected were Mary E. Johnson, juvenile probation officer, Bradenton, vice president; Mrs. Mattie E. Farmer, judge of the Orange County juvenile court, secretary-treasurer.

MRS. AUSTIN SHAFFER of Tampa, was elected State president of the Eight and Forty at the annual "marche departmental" held May 31 in Jacksonville. Mrs. Etta Cappelman, Hollywood, was named first vice president; Mrs. F. E. Weiser, St. Petersburg, historian; Mrs. Leone Hebel of Sulphur Springs, a Gold Star mother, chaplain; Mrs. M. A. Bishop, Palm Beach, mistress of ceremonies; Mrs. L. D. Roberson, Hollywood, sergeant-at-arms.

C. G. McGEEHEE, president of the Associated Industries of Florida presided at the annual meeting of the organization June 1 in Jacksonville.

WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, secretary of the American Bar Association section of taxation was one of the lecturers on the tax institute program June 21 under sponsorship of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

DEAN WALTER J. MATHERLY of Gainesville, district governor-elect of Rotary was in charge of the district assembly of Florida Rotary Club officers on June 18-20 in Jacksonville. Frank Snell was general chairman in charge of arrangements.

O. W. KUHN of Tampa, was elected president of the Exchange Clubs of Florida at a one-day convention in Daytona Beach June 10. Other new officers are G. D. Pinholster, Daytona Beach, first vice president; A. H. St. John, Jacksonville, second vice presi-

dent; James M. Smith, St. Petersburg, third vice president; A. R. Dickinson, Tampa, secretary-treasurer.

ALLEN JEROME CARTER is the new American Red Cross regional director for the States of Georgia and Florida, Manager Nat C. Wilson of southeastern area announced at headquarters in Atlanta.

JOHN W. HOLLISTER has been promoted from rank of captain to major and placed in command of the Third Battalion of the Florida State Guard, it was announced at a meeting of officers and noncommissioned officers of the battalion in the Duval County armory. He succeeds Lieut. Col. Robert H. Church, who has been called to active military duty.

R. S. JOHNSON, registrar announces the University of Florida has enrolled 662 civilian students for the first term of summer session. These, together with about 800 soldiers being trained in AST and AAF programs bring the total number on the campus to about 1,460.

JOE FRANK of Tallahassee, was elected commander and Samuel S. McCahill of Miami, national executive committeeman of the Department of Florida, American Legion during the closing session of the convention held in Jacksonville June 2. The first action of the new executive committee, called into session by Commander Frank, was to endorse his appointment of A. Reid Mann as adjutant. The latter was filling the unexpired term of C. Howard Rowton, claimed by death early in the year after 20 years service in this office. Harvey R. Payne, Miami, department commander in 1925 was renamed alternate national committeeman; Damon Yerkes, Jacksonville, judge advocate; Rev. D. C. Mallory, Jacksonville, chaplain; Eddie Hummer, Miami, sergeant-at-arms.

T. C. SMITH of Pensacola, was elected chairman of the State legislative committee of the Order of Railway Conductors at the annual meeting of the group May 9 in Jacksonville. R. L. Janes, Jacksonville, was chosen vice chairman; W. E. Kite, Miami, representative; V. R. Rooney, Jacksonville, secretary-treasurer.

JOHN E. SHELDON has been re-elected commander of the St. Cloud American Legion post. Other officers, in their regular order are, Felix J. Elliott, W. E. Knight, A. F. Swapp, Roy Cottrell, Lilburn Simmons, H. C. McCuady, F. W. Eaton, W. E. Hettinger, Dr. Paul Morrison, Harry Cooper, Clifford Sackhoff. Auxiliary officers, in regular order, are Estel Shumate, Harriett Swapp, Peggie Ellie, Mona Johnson, Grace Strickland, Mable Teichmann, Amparo Athey, Ida Mae Cooper and Jennie Demmon.

SAM WOOTEN was elected president of the Bradenton Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting. He

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# TallaTopics

A Resume of Activities of  
Departments and Officials at the  
State Capital

AT THE REQUEST of Comptroller J. M. Lee, the cabinet has deferred action on recommended payment of a \$50,000 reward to Humble Oil Company for Florida's first commercial oil well.

Lee agreed with other members of the board that Humble Company was entitled to the reward for its well at Sunniland but requested that drillers of an earlier well at DeFuniak Springs be given notice that their claim made in 1942 was denied.

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RECORD FLORIDA automobile license tag receipts of \$9,600,000 for 1944 are predicted by Motor Vehicle Commissioner Henry J. Driggers. He reported that collections already have passed the \$9,000,000 mark and are only about \$124,000 below what was received during 12 months of last year.

Commissioner Driggers said increase in the number of buses and trucks operating in Florida, coupled with the fact that the State's war industries have attracted many automobiles from other States is largely responsible for the increase.

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RECEIPTS FROM TAXES on alcoholic beverages sold in Florida took another jump during May to bring the total collected in 11 months of the fiscal year to \$7,709,887, eight percent above the same period last year. Beverage Director E. W. Scarborough reported May collections of \$675,957 in beer, wine and whisky taxes, 13 percent more than was collected in May 1943.

The new cigarette tax of three cents a package continued to pay off beyond the \$3,500,000 originally expected from it. May collections of \$507,994 made the 11-month total \$5,483,344.

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CAP-PISTOL TOTIN' James Rouse, 12, of Valdosta, Ga., "got bored with everything over in Georgia" and decided to get the wanderlust out of his system. Barefooted and dressed in his cowboy hat and shirt, he strapped his toy pistol to his belt and hopped a bus for Tallahassee "just to see what Florida's Capitol looks like."

He looked over the Capitol building but after learning that Gov. Spessard L. Holland was out of the State he called at the county probation office to find a job paying him enough to get back to Valdosta. The boy said he had their permission to come and enough money to pay his bus fare, so he took the trip. A collection was raised to pay his return fare.

## John Kilgore Named Highways Magazine Editor

John Kilgore, veteran newspaperman, has been appointed editor of the Florida Highways magazine and has assumed his new duties with offices in Tallahassee. He succeeds the late Sam Ellis.

Kilgore resigned from the editorship of the Tallahassee Daily Democrat soon after Pearl Harbor to join the State Defense Council on a full-time basis as head of the Division of Information, Education and Morale. He directed many promotional and organizational campaigns in connection with the civilian war program in Florida. This spring he resigned to join the campaign staff of Millard Caldwell, nominee for the governorship.

Born in Kentucky, Kilgore moved to Florida in 1909 and first lived at Bradenton where his father was Methodist minister for three years. He attended school in Bradenton, Ft. Meade, Jacksonville, Key West and Southerland in Pinellas County, and college at Emory University, Oxford, Ga., and Trinity (now Duke) in Durham, N. C. In the first World War he served a few months as mail censor and then volunteered for Army service.

Kilgore began his newspaper career on the Jacksonville (Fla.) Metropolis (now Journal) and was subsequently sports editor of the Savannah Press, city editor of the Elizabeth City (N. C.) Advance, advertising manager of the Laurel (Miss.) Leader, business manager of the Bradenton (Fla.) Morning News, publisher of the Crystal River (Fla.) Mirror, assistant editor of the Madison (Fla.) Enterprise - Recorder, managing editor of the Sarasota (Fla.) Herald, managing editor of the Tallahassee Florida State News, publisher of The State at Tallahassee, managing editor of the New Smyrna Daily News and managing editor of the Tallahassee Daily Democrat, holding the last post for eight years. He won the annual Associated Dailies award for editorial writing three times. Kilgore's newspaper campaign against the loan sharks resulted in publication of a booklet on the subject and of an article by him in Law and Contemporary Problems, quarterly of the Duke University School of Law. When Governor Holland signed the bill that placed all small loan operators under legal restrictions he presented the pen to Kilgore in recognition of his fight against unlicensed lending.

Next to the dean of Florida newspapermen, Mr. Willis M. Ball of the Florida Times-Union, Kilgore has attended more consecutive sessions of

CANDIDATES FOR Florida's State-wide and congressional district offices in the May primary elections reported campaign expenses totaling more than \$130,000. In required expense statements filed with Secretary of State R. A. Gray they listed total contributions to campaign funds of \$43,000.

The totals did not include expenses of candidates for county and party offices and membership in the State legislature.

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THE STATE SUPREME court started a new six-month term June 13 with 137 cases on the docket. At the beginning of the January term there were 146 cases on the docket. The court received 205 new cases and disposed of 214 during the six months. The seven justices wrote 106 individual opinions, and the rest of the rulings were made without formal opinions.

Of the 137 cases on the docket as the new term began, only 43 had matured to the point of final consideration.

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CIRCUIT JUDGE W. May Walker ruled June 8 that Governor Holland's veto of part of the "house philosophy" of State accounting in the 1943 general appropriations bill was ineffective but that other portions struck out by the governor were unconstitutional.

He held valid that part of the bill which said "all disbursements made under the appropriation shall be classified according to personal services, travel expenses, contractual services, supplies, and capital outlay."

He upheld the governor's veto of a part of the section which would have required that "detailed classifications shall be printed in the comptroller's annual reports and shall be adopted by the State Budget Commission as the classification of accounts in the preparation of the budget of the State of Florida."

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FLORIDA'S ANNUAL 30-day closed season on salt water trout fishing started June 15. No trout may be taken during the closed season from the waters of Florida except those bordering Wakulla, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Taylor, Baker and Pasco Counties, which are exempt by special laws.

Trout legally caught in the exempt counties may be sold only in Gilchrist, (Continued on page 31)

the Florida State legislature than any other Florida news writer—every regular and special session since 1929.

# CONTRACTS • NEW PROJECTS • CHARTERS

## Power Growth Sets Pace

THE PHENOMENAL growth of Florida in business and industry is attested by statistics on electric power generation, with gains outdistancing the country as a whole, the research division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce reports.

For the first four months of 1944, the State's utilities produced 792,009,000 kilowatt-hours, a gain of 34 percent. National production increased only 12 percent.

Generation in 1944 has been 45 percent ahead of 1942 in Florida, as compared with a 30 percent gain nationally.

Florida production amounted to 1.04 percent of the national total in 1944, only .87 percent in 1943.

Electric production figures might well be used to chart the course of Florida business during the past three years. In 1941 generation was 19 percent over 1940, with most of the gain recorded in the first half of the year. Production slumped during the latter half of 1941 and the first half of 1942, and the increase late in 1942 served to mark up a gain of only two percent over 1941. Record generation in 1943 of 1,916,000,000 kilowatt hours was 20 percent over 1942. The climb has been maintained in 1944.

Consistently rising demand has forced the largest expansion in the State's production facilities since 1928. Scheduled for completion in 1944 are three projects totaling 60,000 kilowatts, which will bring total Florida capacity over the 500,000 kilowatt mark. The State's utilities will be able early in 1945 to produce seven times as much electricity as they could in 1921, six times as much as in 1924, twice as much as in 1926, and 33 percent more than in 1938.

## Highway and Bridge Bids

Low bidders on highway and bridge construction jobs totaling more than \$625,000 in five Florida counties were announced June 7 by the State Road Department.

L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., of Tampa, \$423,454 for building a five-mile new section of road 17, Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

R. H. Wright & Son of Opa Locka, \$61,864 for surfacing 1.874 miles of roads 272 and 26, Dade County.

Hall & Caddell of Jacksonville, \$69,584 for paving three miles of road 594, Santa Rosa County.

C. C. Moore Construction Company of Panama City, \$33,983 for surfacing approaches to the Hathaway bridge, Bay County.

Peterson & Earnhart of Tallahassee, \$40,084 for constructing two timber bridges over Bruce Creek on Road 88, Walton County.

awarded to the City Construction Company of Bridgeport, Conn. Amount of the contract is \$599,000, including construction of a community building.

## Bank Clearings Hit Peak

Jacksonville bank clearings for May totaled \$223,702,623.65, an increase of more than \$12,000,000 over April figures, the Jacksonville Clearing Association announced. The clearings exceeded those for the same month a year ago by some \$27,000,000, reflecting the wartime tempo of business activities in this trade area.

## Contracts Awarded

The Jacksonville city commission held a special session to award contracts for materials and labor on a project to increase the water pressure in certain areas of the city and to purchase two electrical transformers to increase the service to the Naval Air Station and areas in the Ortega sections.

Base bids for the water project ranged from \$124,426 to \$202,139. The base bids on the transformers started at \$20,230 and went to \$24,766.

## To Improve Water Supply

The city of Fort Pearce is seeking a FWA grant for 50 percent of the cost of installing a water softening plant, a million-gallon reservoir and other improvements to assure an adequate supply of water to the city and the U. S. Naval Amphibious Training Base.

The city commission has authorized formal application for the grant, and likewise has authorized City Attorney G. R. Nottingham to proceed with validation of electric light and water revenue certificates not to exceed \$70,000, with which to finance the city's portion of the improvements.

## Awards Hospital Contracts

The H. H. Brown Construction Company of Dothan, Ala., was the successful bidder to build a new addition to Jackson Hospital in Marianna.

Work on the east wing of the hospital is scheduled to begin within 30 days, subject to securing the necessary priorities. Completion of this phase will require from 120 to 150 days from time of beginning.

## Panama City Housing Job

The contract award for construction of a 260-family unit at Panama City, to serve workers at Tyndall Field was

## Charters Granted By State

The following charters have been issued by Secretary of State R. A. Gray:

Glendale Properties, Inc., Miami Beach; operating hotels and apartments; 50 shares no par value. Directors, Morris S. Salomon, Pauline Samet, Kathryn F. Murray.

Strozier's Auto Supply, Inc., Gainesville; automobile supplies; 50 shares \$100 par value. Directors, Frank S. Strozier, Celia J. Henderson, Burkett F. Jordan.

Tooley-Myron Studios of Jacksonville, Inc., Miami; photography; 100 shares no par value. Directors, Myron M. Weiss, A. H. McClain, Harold Kassowitz. Thirteen others with same name in different towns, principal place is Miami, same directors, same number of shares.

Roconco Homes, Inc., Miami; real estate; 50 shares no par value. Directors, Frank J. Rooney, L. M. Hamilton, George F. Ballingal.

Ideal Painting Co., Inc., Miami; wholesale and retail paints; 100 shares \$100 par value. Directors, T. E. Donovan, Adelaide Donovan, Vincent Tavernerse, Concetta Tavernerse.

Leslie Corporation, Miami Beach; construction; 50 shares no par value. Directors, David Kich, Harry M. Kaplan, Gus Feuer.

Royal Palm Corp., Clearwater; real estate; 100 shares no par value. Directors, Lloyd M. Phillips, E. B. Casler, Jr., Myrtella Polley.

Sunny Acres Development Corp., DeLand; real estate; 100 shares \$100 par value. Directors, James L. Ballard, Herman Schmidt, Mabel R. Ballard.

Laura Street Men's Shop, Inc., Jacksonville; men's clothing; 120 shares \$100 par value. Directors, Fletcher Morgan, Myron Loveman, Benjamin Fitzpatrick.

Concannon, Inc., Miami; import and export; 50 shares no par value. Directors, Martin J. Concannon, Thomas W. Alsen, Jack B. Henderson.

Law Exchange Building, Inc., Jacksonville; real estate; 50 shares no par value. Directors, W. D. Jobe, B. K. Eraren, W. C. Anderson.

Kragway Associates, Inc., St. Petersburg; import and export portraits and engravings; 60 shares no par value. Directors, Frank Rabin, Louis Kauffman, David L. Yaffin.

## "HANDS ACROSS THE BAY"

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Development of Florida's highway system. Both speakers predicted that the breaking of the Tampa Bay toll bridge bottleneck will be followed inevitably by increased flow of traffic between the two counties as well as up and down the Florida West Coast.

And so was written the final chapter in the Gandy Bridge story, lacking only the epilogue that will be penned by a Federal court condemnation jury. It was a



Walter Fuller of St. Petersburg, former representative from Pinellas County, congratulating Archie Clements, representative from Pinellas on toll-free bridges.

story of dogged determination by a State Road Department that stuck by its guns in the face of the toughest sort of opposition and a story of a faithful governor, who made good on a promise many believed he could never fulfill.

Whether the names of the two freed bridges will be changed is a matter for future consideration. Public sentiment in the Tampa Bay area, however, is being crystallized on this question. Many urge that the name of Davis Causeway be changed to the Clearwater-Tampa Causeway because it serves these communities. In St. Petersburg the same reasons are advanced for changing the name of Gandy Bridge to the Tampa-St. Petersburg Causeway. The State Road Department has not indicated its preference.

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# FLORIDA MOTOR LINES

# Plans For Special Legislative Session Have Been Settled . . .

A special session of the legislature this summer to give Florida schools an additional \$2,299,000 of State money to raise teachers' pay next year will be held if a majority of the members of both houses agree to enact a compromise program worked out June 5.

Governor Holland and educational leaders agreed on a one-year emergency program to increase the annual teacher unit appropriation from \$800 to \$900 and set up an additional stabilization fund of \$50 a teacher unit to be spent in poorer counties.

The governor also said he would put into any call for a special session these recommendations for other legislation:

That the present emergency guarantee of funds for old age assistance during 1944-45 be increased from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, which would permit an increase in old age assistance checks from a present average of \$24 a month to about \$28.50.

Earmarking of \$2,500,000 in available general revenue funds for post-war construction of buildings, mostly at State institutions, which were authorized by continuing appropriations of the 1941 and 1943 legislatures.

Changes in the soldier voting laws to insure Florida men and women in the armed services a chance to vote for president in the November general election.

Acquisition of two lots in Tallahassee to fill out the area designated for a future capitol center.

Attorney General Tom Watson told the conference of State officials and school representatives that it probably will be about August 1 before legal details necessary for a special legislative call can be worked out. Special elections to fill nine vacancies in the house and senate will be necessary.

The governor said he will not call the legislature into session until a majority of each house agrees in advance to pass the teachers' appropriation, consider the other pieces of legislation incorporated in the call and refrain from introducing or supporting any legislation that is not included in the call.

A special session of the legislature is limited to 20 days by the constitution. A two-thirds vote is necessary to go beyond the measures recommended by the governor.

Governor Holland said he also will want commitments from the legislators that they will sustain his 1943 veto of an act raising the teacher unit appropriation \$150 a year "because it is in conflict" with the new program.

School leaders, declaring the State's educational system is facing its most serious crisis in history because teach-

ers were leaving their jobs to get more pay, asked the governor to restore the \$150 per unit increase voted by the 1943 session and also to set up a stabilization fund for the poorer counties.

Holland, who long has preferred the stabilization pool to any flat increase to wealthy and poor counties alike by raising the teacher unit appropriation, countered with a plan for a \$100 teacher unit increase and the \$50 per unit stabilization fund which will amount to about \$750,000.

He said the combined increase will "mean not less than five percent improvement in financial affairs of the

wealthiest counties and up to 15 percent or more in the poorer counties.

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## University's Chemistry Department Approved

The University of Florida has again been listed among universities whose departments of chemistry are approved by the American Chemical Society as "qualified to offer professional training for chemists."

The current edition of the American Chemical Society News shows that the Florida Department of Chemistry, which has held this approval since 1942 is alone among the five Southeastern States east of the Mississippi River so accredited. Dr. Townes R. Leigh, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is head of the Department of Chemistry.

In chemical engineering also, the University of Florida stands alone in the same area, except for two Georgia institutions, enjoying approval of the Institute of Chemical Engineers. This department, headed by Dr. W. H. Beisler was developed in the College of Arts and Sciences but was transferred to the College of Engineering in 1939.

Dr. Leigh and Dr. A. P. Black, professor of chemistry, were alone on the staff when Dr. Leigh came to Gainesville in 1920. Today, with a staff of eight, the department occupies most of the three-story chemistry building.

Enrollment in the department reached a high mark in 1934-35, with 1,100 students but with establishment of the General College, which enrolls students in their first two years at the University, it fell, later to climb again to 964 in 1941-42.

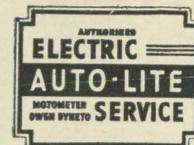
The department and members of its staff render numerous services to the State and its municipalities, including law enforcement agencies and health services.

we can make the whole increase on the stabilization pool basis," Gov. Holland declared, and explained that as a practical matter the whole program might fail in the legislature if the larger counties were left out by a total stabilization plan.

He told the school leaders "you can see how hopelessly unfair the present system of aiding counties by teacher units is when it is considered that while the State-wide average for white teachers' annual salaries is \$1,351, Dade County has an average of \$1,851 and Lafayette County \$852.87."

The stabilization fund bill should contain provisions, he said, that none of the fund would be available to a county except in cases of poverty, when a great area of land is withheld from taxation because of government ownership, where there is an existing bond debt for which courts have ordered tax levies, and in those counties which have received large population increases because of tax-exempt new industries.

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# Renegotiating Oil Contracts . . .

FLORIDA'S CABINET officials have promised to attempt a renegotiation of pending oil drilling leases on 3,000,000 acres of Gulf Coast offshore bottoms and to tighten safeguards against damage to waterfront properties. The cabinet acted after a hearing at which representatives of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce protested that the lease to Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., as drawn and approved does not provide adequate protection for beaches and navigable streams.

Truman Green, president of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce said he and his associates felt the oil contracts were made in good faith with "only the best interests of the State in mind," but he disagreed with previous statements of cabinet members that adequate safeguards were provided.

He recommended that steps should be taken to exempt from the leases all beach property now developed or available for residential development and to provide in the leases that no drilling shall take place within 2,500 feet of the center line of ship channels.

Governor Holland said he was sorry that such proposals had not been made "more seasonably" when the contracts originally were under discussion nearly three years ago but he added that "I don't think we are beyond the point of renegotiation.

"I feel that holders of the lease should be willing to reopen the matter because they will be responsible for damages that result from their operations," the governor declared.

The cabinet asked the Tampa organization to confer with civic leaders in other Tampa Bay area communities and prepare specific recommendations for modification of restrictions in the lease.

"It has always been and still is the intent of this board to assure proper safeguards against damage to private and public property," Governor Holland said.

Malcolm B. Johnson, Tallahassee Associated Press writer gives the following resume of oil seeking in Florida and incidents arising from the successful bringing in of the well at Sunniland:

Discovery of a little oil at great depth on the edge of the Everglades has sprouted a wide scale oil leasing boom and a sharp government controversy in Florida, which in the past has confined its petroleum worries largely to gasoline rationing.

A year ago, the usual comment when oil possibilities of Florida were discussed was something like:

"I'll believe it when I see it."

Then Humble Oil Company announced last October it had found oil mixed with a lot of salt water at 11,626 feet in a well at Sunniland, be-

low Fort Myers. Few producing wells anywhere are deeper than that, but the company has been pumping oil at the rate of 35 barrels a day from the hole.

Now cities, chambers of commerce, commercial fishermen and sportsmen are protesting loudly against a long-pending lease of State-owned Gulf Coast bottom for oil rights because they visualize derricks along their resort beaches and crude oil rolling in with the waves to spoil bathing and fishing.

Lands on which petroleum rights a couple of years ago could be leased for five or ten cents an acre, if anyone bothered to ask, now are bringing 50 cents an acre per year. There are rumors of even higher offers as most of the big oil companies and a lot of smaller ones step up the bidding.

Attorney General Tom Watson's ruling that the Humble Company is entitled to the State reward of \$50,000 for the first commercial oil well in Florida has only intensified the interest, and landowners are beginning to hold their petroleum interests for better terms. Already, though, several million acres of oil rights have been leased in the past few months from

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private owners and some new wells are being started in various parts of the State.

The State itself, with vast holdings of undeveloped and submerged areas is the largest landowner, but Gov. Spessard L. Holland and his cabinet cut off all consideration of new lease offers soon after the Sunniland discovery was announced to let the situation clear up, and they haven't asked for bids yet.

Back in 1941, however, the State in a move designed to promote oil prospecting entered exploration agreements with three concerns for exclusive rights to search for oil on an area that covered the off-shore section of the entire Gulf of Mexico coast and the bottoms of many lakes and rivers.

After making certain explorations, the oil operators were to be entitled to select drilling blocks ranging up to 100,000 acres for oil leases at a prescribed price of \$500 each for the first year.

The first two claims for drilling rights under these agreements have come in and that is where the controversy arose.

Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., headed by J. Ray Arnold who has been hunting oil in Florida for years, applied under its option for a lease on 393 miles of gulf coast and 660,000 acres of lake bottoms.

Attorney General Tom Watson ruled the company had not made the necessary explorations and was not entitled to the lease at the contract price, which is cheap compared with what could be obtained now on the open market.

On the lake bottom area, the four other members of the cabinet charged with handling State lands disagreed with the attorney general and issued the lease. He now is attacking it in the courts.

State Treasurer Ed Larson voted with Watson on the off shore lease deal but the majority agreed to issue it, too. That's the one the civic leaders are protesting but Governor Holland and others on the cabinet majority contend there are sufficient restrictions in the lease to protect private and public property from damage.

Representatives of the Arnold firm, too, have issued statements that there will be no pollution or unfavorable results from drilling with modern equipment and methods.

Nearly a hundred wells have been started in Florida during the past 40 years. They have been located in 39 counties from one end of the State to another. The Humble well at Sunniland is the deepest ever drilled. The

shallowest was a 115-foot shaft sunk about 1922 near Turkey Creek, Brevard County.

At present, six wells are being drilled in the State. The Humble Company is drilling its second well at Sunniland, one at Venus in Highlands County and another in Dade County, about 45 miles west of Miami.

William G. Blanchard and associates and Consumers Oil and Gas Company both are drilling just a few miles from the Dade County Humble well. The Hunt Oil Company is drilling in Madison County.

### Chamber of Commerce Committee Plans Survey

The newly formed citrus committee of the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce has started a survey of industry leaders in an effort to obtain ideas and suggestions on how best to prepare to meet the post-war situation when governmental outlets for oranges, grapefruit and tangerines are no longer available.

The move was prompted by a recent statement by M. H. McNutt of Orlando, chairman of the advertising committee of the Florida Citrus Commission that production of citrus in Florida probably would jump from 70,000,000 to 150,000,000 boxes annually during the next 10 years.

Commenting on the project, Ralph Grassfield, chamber manager pointed out that there has been much informal discussion on the post-war problem but so far as is known no effort has been made to bring together ideas and suggestions from citrus leaders.

"Everyone in the industry seems to recognize there will be a terrific shock when the government stops its purchases of citrus fruits, canned, concentrated and fresh, and we hope

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through our survey to get the best ideas available from those who know more about what to expect than anyone else," Grassfield said.

"We hope in this way to be of some service to Florida's most important industry, and whatever information we are able to obtain will be immediately made available to whichever agency would be the proper one to utilize it," Grassfield continued.

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## FLORIDIANS OUT FOR VICTORY

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been awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

★ For "services rendered over and beyond those normally required" in connection with the naval construction program at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Robert M. Angas, engineer and 10 members of his organization have been awarded the Civilian Service Emblem of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks.

In presenting the award, Lieut Comdr. E. H. Thouren, officer-in-charge of construction at the Air Station read a letter from Vice Admiral Ben Moreell, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, congratulating those honored "upon your outstanding performance and loyalty" and expressing his appreciation of the "example you have set for your fellow workers in furthering the prosecution of the war on the vital construction front." The employes honored were: Richard L. Lampp, J. S. Howe, Samuel W. Faver, Merrill G. McMillan, James T. Howe, R. H. Girvin, K. R. Willits, George H. P. Sedding, Russell H. DeGrove and Dorothy L. Davis.

★ The good conduct medal has been awarded Pfc. Richard Tucker, Tampa, who is stationed in England with the army; Sgt. Eugene P. Leach, and Tech. Sgt. John H. Cressman, Sgt. Earl C. Hutchins, and Pfc. Joe Hines, Jacksonville.

★ The good conduct medal and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon have been awarded Pfc. Henry F. Harvey, Lake Hamilton. He is stationed in the Hawaiian area with the army.

★ Tech. Sgt. John G. Mitchell, Quincy, wearer of the Army's Air Medal for meritorious achievement, has been reported missing in action over Germany.

★ Capt. Ronald A. Brown, USMC, Jacksonville, has been wounded in action. Captain Brown was commended recently for conspicuous courage in fighting a fire in an ammunition dump with his bare hands during an enemy attack.

★ Corp. William H. Bryan, 20, Greenwood, a military policeman at a Flying Fortress base in England, has been cited for "outstanding performance of duty and meritorious conduct" by the commanding general of his division.

★ First Lieut. John W. Conner, Jr., Jacksonville, has managed to keep busy since arriving in England about eight months ago. Pilot of a B-26 Martin Marauder, he has completed his fortieth mission. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and several Oak Leaf Clusters.

★ Lieut. Comdr. Eugene G. McCarthy, former Atlantic Beach physician, received a citation from his commanding general for efficient handling of hundreds of wounded and devotion to

duty, during engagements at Tarawa and the Marshall Islands.

★ Sgt. John F. Triay, Jacksonville, was awarded the DFC at a ceremony held somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Sergeant Triay also has won the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart, awarded to men wounded in action.

★ Lieut. Col. Jack S. Blocker, Neptune Beach, won the Army's Bronze Star Award for bravery in action on New Georgia Island in the Solomons. The War Department citation revealed the medal was given for action on July 17, 1943. Colonel Blocker is still on duty in that area.

★ Staff Sgt. E. Gaskins, Jacksonville, recently spoke into a British Broadcasting Corporation microphone during a broadcasting to America, from the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner in London, England. The decorated gunner on an AAF Liberator described one of the recent raids over Berlin, saying "I was pretty busy looking out for the fighters, so I didn't see too much."

★ For gallantry in action, Sgt. Henry C. Boylin, Jr., Jacksonville, was awarded the Silver Star. The citation states he "fearlessly advanced over hazardous terrain under heavy mortar fire and assisted in directing accurate artillery fire on enemy guns." The action took place in the vicinity of Mateur, Tunisia, during April 1943, when Boylin was a private first class.

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★ Major Erwin F. Wann, Jr., Neptune Beach, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic conduct and inspirational leadership during the campaign at Bougainville in November and December.

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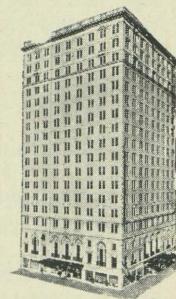
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★ First Lieut. Paul M. King, Jacksonville, was given the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster recently during ceremonies at an advanced Central Pacific base.

★ First Lieut. Redmond F. Stokes, Jacksonville, was decorated with the Silver Star recently during ceremonies at an advanced base in the Pacific war zone.

★ Maj. Walter Carl Beckham, 27, one of the leading American aces of the European theater at the time he was shot down over enemy territory in March, is alive and a prisoner of war in Germany.

★ For thirty-four monotonous missions over German-dominated Europe, Lieut. Robert Keen, Army Air Forces flying officer of Jacksonville, found not a single enemy to shoot at. But recently, when Nazi pilots insisted on straying within range, he shot down three enemy planes and sent two more straggling away badly damaged. His first two victims bailed out after their planes burst into flames. He bagged the third while flying upside down, an Associated Press dispatch revealed.

★ Staff Sgt. Joseph D. Amos, 25, St. Petersburg, engineer-gunner; flew 50 missions during 20 months in Southwest Pacific; twice wounded in combat; awarded Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal.

★ Lieut. Stanley P. Richardson, Jr., Bradenton, a P-38 pilot with the army air forces in England, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The airman previously had been awarded the Air Medal and promoted to first lieutenant.

★ Carleton Fenn Lillie, Jr., USNR, aviation ordnanceman second class, Jacksonville, has been awarded the Purple Heart medal by Admiral Harold R. Stark "for cool courage and decisive action displayed" while on anti-submarine patrol in the Bay of Biscay, on the west coast of France.

★ Robert Rose, boatswain's mate, first class, USNR, Jacksonville, was given a commendation for gallantry and bravery under fire during the Sicilian operations on July 10, 1943 and later on September 9.

★ Capt. Ralph A. Ostrom of the Merchant Marine, survivor of two ship sinkings and a 22-day stay in a life raft, is in Jacksonville for a rest from sea duty.

★ Marine Capt. Dale M. Leslie, 26, Madison, became the first man decorated on this mid-Pacific atoll when he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by his commanding officer, Col. Calvin R. Freeman of Sherman, Texas. Veteran dive bomber pilot of more than 50 missions in the Solomons, where he once was shot down and lost for 39 days, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "heroism and extraordinary achievement" during the pe-

riod from August 30 until September 28, 1942. Captain Leslie also won the Navy Cross for extricating a besieged group of marines from a perilous position at Guadalcanal by strafing the superior enemy force which had them entrapped.

★ Comdr. W. H. Smith, Jacksonville, is home on a brief visit after having spent many months in the Pacific war area. He was a member of the Florida Naval Reserve in World War I, serving with Capt. Louie W. Strum, now a Federal court judge.

#### TALLATOPICS

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Levy, Dixie, Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin Counties under other special laws, said Conservation Supervisor S. E. Rice. In all other counties both taking and sale of trout are prohibited from June 15 to July 15.

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GOVERNOR HOLLAND has appointed Fred C. Elliot, secretary to trustees of the State Internal Improvement Fund, as a member of the State Board of Engineer Examiners, succeeding the late J. B. High of Bunnell.

J. Wiley Keck of Miami, and Alexander Blair of Lake Placid, were re-appointed to the engineering board.

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CONSTRUCTION OF A building to house the Florida State Library and "probably a museum" is proposed by the State Library Board. "The library board will doubtless make a strong effort to secure funds for a substantial building at the 1945 session of the legislature," Librarian W. T. Cash declared.

The board conferred with Gov. Holland and members of the Leon County post-war planning committee on the project. The governor told board members that although he was interested in the building, it would be impracticable to take up the matter at any

special legislative session he might call this year.

Cash said that "on account of the great increase of archives and valuable historical material during the past two years and the practical certainty of the accumulation of much more," the board believes construction

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THE SUPREME COURT declined May 12 to overrule Governor Holland's action in refusing to grant a commission to Russell F. Hand as a member of the Dade County school board.

The governor suspended Hand from office on a charge of drunkenness in September 1942, and appointed F. H. McDonald to fill his unexpired term. Previously, however, Hand had won Democratic renomination to the office and had no Republican opposition for reelection.

In the following general election, McDonald and another man campaigned to have their names written on the ballot to oppose Hand, but Hand—whose name alone was printed on the ballot—received the most votes.

Governor Holland refused to commission him, and the State senate later formally removed him from office upon a complaint made by the governor. Holland then issued a new commission to McDonald, and Hand challenged McDonald's right to the office by court action.

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UNITED STATES FIFTH circuit court of appeals held May 8 at New Orleans that the trustees of the internal improvement fund of the State of Florida were not entitled to more than a parity basis with others in compensation for lands taken over by the Federal government at Tampa for a military base.

The decision affirmed the district court for the Southern District of Florida in reference to U. S. acquisition of 5,767 acres in the fall of 1939 by condemnation proceedings.

The trustees sought additional compensation on the grounds that some of the land taken over had been forfeited to the State for nonpayment of taxes

#### RESIDENTS OF TAMPA BAY AREA REJOICE

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and that liens against it exceeded the value of the land.

The court held that State, county and the Tampa storm sewer drainage district should share in the parity payments.

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JESS J. GILLIAM, director of the State Department of Public Safety, reported 39 persons killed in automobile accidents in Florida during the month of April.

Gilliam said that this was four more than the number of fatalities during April of last year.

During the month the highway patrol was called to investigate 331 accidents. Of these, 72 involved service men and 19 involved war workers.

He said 618 arrests were made in April. Of these, 286 were for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving. The drivers licenses revoked totaled 199 and 55 were suspended.

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THE STATE BOARD of Bar Examiners May 3 announced the names of seven men who successfully passed examinations for admission to practice of law in Florida.

They are George A. Brautigam, Robert L. Floyd and George N. MacDonnell, Jr., of Miami; Garton E. Graves, Jr., of Washington, D. C.; Ralph M. Ketcham of Jacksonville; Harley S. Miller of Tampa; William A. O'Bryan of Tallahassee.

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TWO FLORIDA STATE College for Women deans, each with more than 30 years service on the faculty will retire this summer, President Doak S. Campbell, announced.

Dr. William G. Dodd, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, will retire July 1 and Miss Ella Scoble Opperman, dean of the School of Music, will retire Sept. 1. There was no announcement of their successors.

Dean Dodd, now 70 years old, has been a member of the college faculty for 34 years and has been dean of the

Arts and Science School for 31 years. He is a native of Waynesville, Ohio, and holds degrees from Bethany College and Harvard. He taught mathematics and music before he came here.

Dean Opperman has been head of the college music staff for 32 years. She was graduated from Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and taught at both institutions before she came to FSCW. She also studied in Berlin and Paris. In 1943, she was given the honorary degree of doctor of pedagogy by the Cincinnati Conservatory.

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STATE SCHOOL Superintendent Col in English states that unless Florida teaching salaries are increased "we may expect the supply of well qualified teachers to diminish."

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graduates competed for the 190 available State scholarships for prospective teachers, each worth \$200 annually for a period of four years, may well indicate that few young people are looking forward to teaching as a profession."

The school superintendent said that "during the next four years all of the energies and resources of my office will be devoted to initiating and bringing to realization plans for meeting the many problems which will face public education during and following the war."

He proposed improvement to school buildings, extension of educational opportunities for adults and preschool children, adoption of more modern teaching equipment and expanded programs for vocational rehabilitation and vocational training.

## PEOPLE

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succeeds W. U. Lathrop, president for the past two years, who becomes a member of the board of directors. Raymond Turner was chosen as vice president while H. S. Moody was reelected treasurer. Max Adler and Jerry Fogarty were renamed to the board of directors, while Walter S. Hardin was selected as a new director.

CAPT. A. B. POTTER, veteran of 30 years of service as a director of the Boys' Home Association, will lead the campaign to raise \$75,000 to erect a new Boys' Home building in Jacksonville.

W. B. MAKINSON, JR., operator of a hardware store in Kissimmee, was elected president of Florida Retail Hardware Association at the annual convention in Orlando May 17.

MILTON B. SACKETT, Sanford, whose first novel, "Sponger's Jinx" was the November book-of-the-month for 'teen agers has been notified of his election to membership in the Author's Guild of America, a National organization of writers. Sackett's novel dealt with the sponge fishing industry at Tarpon Springs.

REV. STEPHEN T. HARVIN, minister of Southside Presbyterian church, was elected president of the Jacksonville Ministerial Alliance. Other officers elected to serve during the 1944-45 term were Rev. William Frederick Dunkle, Jr., vice president, and Rev. Clarence L. Kirby, executive secretary.

WARREN S. TAYLOR of Gainesville, newly elected grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Florida, was honored there April 25 by members of the craft. This is the first time in years that a member of the Blue Lodge here has been advanced to the position of grand master.

N. MAC ULSCH was named grand chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Knights of Pythias, at the annual election session held in Tampa. He affiliated with the order in 1919

and is a member of Montefiore Lodge 21, Jacksonville. Grand Chancellor Ulsch is now filling the same office held by his father, P. M. (Pop) Ulsch in 1933.

A. C. ZIMMERMAN of Miami Beach, was elected governor of the South District and C. H. McNulty of Melbourne was named governor of the North District at the Lions Club State convention in Winter Haven April 25.

MRS. LYDIA SUE HALL, dean of girls at Kirby-Smith junior high school, Jacksonville, was elected president of the Duval County Education Association at the final meeting of the year.

MISS FLORENCE JONES of Jacksonville, president of the State Nurses' Association urges Florida nurses to absorb all the training possible in order to be ready for a broadened post-war health program.

MRS. W. H. COVINGTON of Tallahassee, president, brought to a close the eighteenth annual convention of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. She announced that the next annual meeting would be held at Miami Beach. Among the six new directors of Florida districts elected at the final sessions were Mrs. J. Judevire of Pensacola, first; Mrs. F. A. Brink of Monticello, second; Mrs. Newell B. Davis of Palatka, third; Mrs. W. S. Settle of New Smyrna Beach, fourth; Mrs.

Nina G. Washburn of Bradenton, fifth; Mrs. Willaford R. Leach of Stuart, sixth.

J. HOWARD GOULD of St. Petersburg was named president of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents to succeed Frank D. Moor of Tallahassee, at elections which closed the 40th annual convention of the association in West Palm Beach May 16. Other officers elected were F. D. Adae, Miami Beach, and James W. Warren, St. Petersburg, vice presidents; A. C. Eifler, Tampa, secretary; Hunter Brown, Pensacola, State national director. Named to the board of directors were B. D. Cole, Jr., West Palm Beach; W. H. Lindsey, Daytona Beach; A. G. McEachern, St. Petersburg.

WALTER J. MATHERLY, dean of the College of Business Administration, University of Florida was elected governor of the 167th district of Rotary as district delegates opened their

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spring business meeting in St. Petersburg April 24. He succeeds Harry M. Smith, Winter Garden.

MILTON O. HOLLIS of Tampa, was elected a member of the executive committee of the National Electrical Wholesalers' Association at its meeting in New York. He will represent the Atlantic division, comprising all territory from Maine to Florida, with the exception of the metropolitan district of New York.

DR. D. C. THOMPSON, 63, industrial physician for the U. S. Sugar Corporation, died June 5 in a Pahokee hospital after being stricken with a heart attack.

MRS. JESSIE W. CHAFFIN, a niece of former Gov. Fred P. Cone died suddenly May 31 at her residence in Jacksonville.

ALEXANDER RAY, prominent Jacksonville citizen and city treasurer for many years, died June 8.

MRS. ANNA E. TILDEN of Oakland, mother of Judge Wilber Tilden, Orlando attorney, died Thursday, May 18. One of Orange County's early residents, Mrs. Tilden was the daughter of James Harvey Sadler and Catherine Speer Wise and was born in Anderson, S. C., July 3, 1863. Her father was a casualty of the Confederate army. With her mother and family she moved to Florida and had been a resident of Orange County for more than 60 years.

OSCAR L. HARRISON, mayor of Wildwood, was accidentally killed April 28 when he was struck by a train in the yards of the Seaboard Railway at Wildwood. Mr. Harrison had been a telegraph operator for the Seaboard Railway Company for the past 20 years.

MRS. ANNIE MURPHY, 82, widow of J. H. Murphy, died at her home in Arcadia April 27. She was a native of Ocala and moved to Lily, in old DeSoto County, when 11 years old.

MRS. LULA SMITH RAWLS, 78, native of Levy County and a lifetime resident of Williston died at Williston April 25.

JESSE L. BAKER, who with his mother published the Sanford Chronicle at about the turn of the century, died April 28 in Butte, Mont.

EDWARD HOUSTON KILBEE, 80, pioneer citrus grower and cattle owner of Seminole County, died April 23 at home of his daughter. Mr. Kilbee, who was born at Marianna, April 8, 1864, came to Geneva with his parents 60 years ago. They then lived 15 years in Chuluota, and returned to Geneva, where Mr. Kilbee has lived for the past 31 years.

WILLIAM F. RADBONE, 65, died April 27 at Eustis.

MRS. CHARLOTTE HODGE CAVE, 92, died at Seville April 22, and funeral services were held at Midway Methodist church in Barbourville. She was the widow of John LeGrand Cave.

JUDSON MANLEY PALMER, 55, Jacksonville, died May 1. Mr. Palmer was an employe of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for the past 34 years.

FRANCIS J. KENNARD, dean of Florida architects, and brother of Basil P. Kennard, well known builder of Jacksonville, died in Tampa April 29. Born in England Mr. Kennard came to this country and made his home in Orlando in 1886.

HERBERT K. JOHNSON, 58, publisher of the weekly Apalachicola Times since 1923, died in Apalachicola May 12 after an illness of several months. He was a native of Houston, Texas, but had lived here since he was a year old. His father, H. W. Johnson, established the Times in 1884.

MRS. ABBIE LAMB, 70, died at Leesburg May 9. She was a native of Florida, having been born at Tusca-

nooga, in Sumter County and had been a resident of Leesburg for the past 20 years.

JAMES A. McCLELLAN, SR., of Monticello, died May 13 in the home of his son, James A. McClellan, Jr., in Dade City.

MRS. FANNIE McALPIN, member of a prominent Florida family, died at her home near White Springs May 12.

MRS. DOROTHY SNOWDEN JEFF-COAT, resident of Wildwood, died May 8.

CORA PARKER, 84, a painter specializing in flower scenes and gardens and retired dean of fine arts at the

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University of Nebraska, died at a hospital in Miami May 10. Miss Parker, born in Somerset, Ky., was a descendant of a family which settled in Kentucky in prerevolutionary times. She was a daughter of the late Capt. De Forest Parker of the Confederate Army, and Pamela Tomlinson Parker.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER BRYAN, 87, died in Starke May 11. Fifty years ago he entered the service of the old F.C.&P. Railroad and was retired 18 years ago.

GEORGE H. GIBBONS, 72, pioneer Polk County citrus grower and nurseryman, resident of the Waverly section for 62 years, died May 16. He was born in the Province of Minas Geraces, Brazil, and lived there for 10 years. His parents then returned to this section. At the turn of the century he owned one of the most extensive nurseries in Florida.

ADOLPH MUELLER, 78, of Decatur, Ill., chairman of the board of Mueller Manufacturing Co., died May 14 at his Miami Beach home.

ARTEMAS ROBERTS, 102 years, six months, and 10 days old, resident of Pasco County, near Dade City 41 years, and who had been the oldest surviving alumnus of the University of Michigan for many years, died May 7. After graduation in 1867, he practiced the profession of architecture in Lincoln, Neb., until 1903 when he came to Florida for his health. Mr. Roberts designed the Pasco County court house and many other business houses and residences there. He learned to drive a car at 73, organized and was only president of Pasadena Farmers Club, and an active shuffleboard player until the past year.

JOHN TAVELL, 82, died May 3 at his home at Genoa, Hamilton County.

ROBERT LUTHER ARNOLD, one of Florida's best known lumbermen, who retired three years ago because of ill health, died May 4. For years Mr. Arnold was associated with his brother, J. Ray Arnold, who has operated cypress and pine mills in central Florida a number of years. They were also interested in oil possibilities in Florida.

TERENCE MAZWELL TREIBER, 68, hardware merchant and resident here 20 years, died at his home May 7.

BARNEY COLUMBUS MARTIN, 65, native of Valdosta and resident of Palakta since 1917 died May 5.

SAMUEL L. COLLINS, SR., 59, teacher in the Polk County schools for 25 years, died May 13.

L. GAY HENDRICKS, 33, died in a Leesburg hospital May 5. A native of Wagar, Ala., Mr. Hendricks

had been a resident of Leesburg for the past 15 years. He was well known in the citrus industry in the State, having been manager of the Milam Packing Company for the past several years.

THEODORE CLIFFORD THOMAS, 64, died at his home in Fernandina May 2.

HARRY E. MITCHELL, 78, pioneer in the printing business in Pinellas County, and founder of the Boone (Iowa) Daily News, which later became the News-Republican, died at Bay Pines Veterans Hospital May 3.

MRS. LILLIAN E. RUSHING, 60, died at her home east of Leesburg, May 2.

WILLIAM RAY SNELL, 53, died at his residence on the Dundee road May 18. He was born in Wrightsville, Ga., and with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Snell, Sr., came to

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## ROAD DEPARTMENT MINUTES

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vey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

### PASCO COUNTY—ROAD 5—PROJECT 544-B (1401-102)—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 5, in Pasco County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 544-B (1401-102) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

### PASCO COUNTY—ROAD 15—PROJECT 795-C (5257)—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

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Tamiami Trail Tours, operators of bus service through Sarasota will add 10 new coaches to their equipment this year, John Whiting, president of the company has announced.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 15, in Pasco County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 795-C (5257) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to con-

vey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

### PASCO COUNTY—ROAD 23—PROJECT 5225 (940-A)—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 23, in Pasco County, same as Project 5225 (940-A) (1405-104) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby

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approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

**PASCO COUNTY—ROAD 23—PROJECT 940-A (5225)—RIGHT OF WAY**

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 23, in Pasco County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 940-A (5225), Job No. 1405-101, and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

**PASCO COUNTY—ROAD 23—PROJECT NFP 940 (179-A & B) RIGHT OF WAY**

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 23, in Pasco County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project NFP 940 (179-A & B) (1405-302) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

**ROAD 59 TO AIRPORT AT OKEECHOBEE**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by

Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, by resolution adopted May 1, 1944, has requested this Department to construct Road 59 from its intersection with Road 8 to the Okeechobee Airport,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Department expresses its desire to cooperate with the Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County in its efforts to secure a 100 percent grant of Access Road Funds for this project under Section 6 of the Defense Act, agrees to follow this matter through with the Public Roads Administration as soon as the County has obtained a favorable recommendation of the project from the engineers of the War Department.

**ROAD 361 IN BROWARD COUNTY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by

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Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Department will grant the request of Broward County for State reconstruction of Road 361, westward from Pompano for a distance of approximately five miles, using Surplus Gas Tax Funds of Broward County, based upon the County Commissioners' agreement to assume the maintenance of said road after it has been widened and reconstructed.

#### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR COLUMBUS DRIVE

The Secretary presented a resolution from the County Commissioners of Hillsborough County asking the Department to take over for maintenance that section of Columbus Drive from its intersection with Dale Mabry Highway, State Road 545, to the entrance to Davis Causeway. The Board discussed the matter but took no action, pending a study of the connecting link system between Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties as affected by the two bridges.

#### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE HARNEY ROAD

The Secretary presented request of Hillsborough County Commissioners that the State take over for maintenance that section of highway known as Harney Road, or the Lake Avenue Road, northeasterly to connect with State Road No. 17.

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the members agreed that under its policy, not to extend its maintenance system during the emergency except in the most urgent cases, it would be unable to grant the request for maintenance of the Harney Road at this time.

#### STATE ROAD 14 IN ALACHUA COUNTY—REQUEST FROM CITY OF GAINESVILLE

The Secretary presented a resolution from the City of Gainesville requesting the Department to improve State Road No. 14 between Gainesville and Newberry, and was instructed by the Board to advise the City of Gainesville that under present restrictions affecting labor and materials it will be impossible for the State to undertake this work.

The Secretary was also instructed to advise the City of Gainesville that the engineering force is reduced to a minimum and is used almost entirely at present on defense projects, but as soon as a crew is available the Department will be glad to give consideration to making a preliminary survey of a road extending from Gainesville to Wacahoota and on to Williston, looking toward post-war construction of same.

#### ENTRANCE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY NEAR JEW FISH CREEK

Messrs. F. F. Ravlin and J. E. Ravlin, of Miami, appeared before the board in behalf of their property at Jew Fish Creek, on the Overseas Highway. They stated that the gates to the bridges had been set back several hundred feet, so that now to get an approach to their property a road would have to be run along the fill and then up on the road. They asked the Road Department to help them on this entrance road, as the Department's equipment is now located there. The Engineer was requested by the Board to check into this matter to see what can be done.

#### DESIGNATION OF ROUTE OF ROAD 4-A IN MONROE COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of

Florida, by Chapter 10269, enacted at the 1925 Session, did designate and establish as a State Road that certain road known and referred to as State Road 4-A extending from the City of Miami in the County of Dade to the City of Key West in the County of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, by resolution duly adopted by the State Road Department at a Regular Meeting held on the 1st day of December, 1938, the line or route of certain portions of said State Road 4-A in Monroe County, Florida, was located and fixed; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the said resolution certain changes and alterations have become necessary to be made in the location line of said road to insure the most practicable construction of the said road to the best interests of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, IT HAS NOW BEEN DETERMINED by the State Road Department that the construction of said road along and upon the center line hereinafter described is most practicable and to the best interests of the State of Florida, to wit: upon a location and center line described as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution of the State Road Department adopted at the Regular Meeting of the said Department held on the 1st day of December 1938 be, and the same is hereby approved, confirmed and ratified in all respects, subject only to such change in the location of the center line of said State Road 4-A as may be required that it may conform to the location of the center line hereinabove recited.

#### DEATH OF SAM M. ELLIS

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Sam M. Ellis has been employed by this Department for a period of three years, during which time he has made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the State Road Department and to the various departments of government of the State of Florida as editor of FLORIDA HIGHWAYS, the official publication of the State Road Department and the Department of Public Safety; and during his association with this publication it has grown in size and public interest and is rendering outstanding service to the people of Florida; and

WHEREAS, for a long time prior to his connection with the Road Department, Sam M. Ellis has rendered outstanding service

to the State as editor of large and successful newspapers; and

WHEREAS, Sam M. Ellis passed away on April 28, 1944.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Department expresses its deep sympathy with the wife and family of the deceased, and further expresses its recognition of the great loss suffered by this Department and the entire State of Florida in the passing of this outstanding citizen;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the bereaved family and that a copy be furnished to the Press.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the sincere thanks of this Department be expressed to Belcher Oil Company, to Groves, Lundin & Cox, to Mr. H. H. Hector, former Member of the Board, and to El Comodoro Hotel for the hospitality and courtesies extended to Members of the Department and others in attendance upon this meeting, and that the Secretary send a copy of this resolution to each of those named.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Upon agreement to meet in Tallahassee, on some date in June to be set by the Chairman, the meeting was adjourned.

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